

CARD ROOM CONNECTION

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FOR CARD ROOM OPERATORS AND CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES

July-December 2011 Edition

Intoxicated People and Gambling Don't Mix

By: Jeannette Sugai, Southwest Regional Field Office

During the past six months, we have received an increased number of complaints about intoxicated players being allowed to gamble.



You must not allow any person who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic to participate in gambling activities (WAC 230-06-015).

This applies to both customers and employees:

- Players who are under the influence must not be allowed to participate in any gambling activity; and
- Employees who are under the influence must not be allowed to facilitate gambling; for example, dealing cards, selling pull-tabs, etc.

Staff should be trained to recognize the signs of intoxication. People who demonstrate these signs must not be allowed to gamble or facilitate gambling.

Allowing people to facilitate or participate in gambling activities while under the influence of alcohol or drugs may result in a fine, suspension or revocation of your gambling license. So train staff how to recognize intoxication and what they need to do to prevent a violation of this rule.

Gambling Rules and Laws are on the Internet

- Select the [Rules and Laws](#) tab on our website.
- Access rules and laws directly at:
Rules:
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=230>
Laws:
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9.46>

Collecting Unpaid License Fees

By: Jessica Quiles, Licensing Operations Division

In May 2011, we began working on a new process for collecting unpaid licensing fees. We have completed that process and are now using a collection service to recover fees owed to us. State agencies may use collection agencies to collect public debts owed by any person (RCW 19.16.500).

This may have an impact on businesses that surrender their license mid-year.

Two-Part Payment Plan: Annual license fees are due in full when a license is renewed. However, we offer a “two-part payment plan” which gives some businesses, such as card rooms, the option to pay their annual license fee in two installments (WAC 230-05-015).

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Fingerprint Roll Program

By: Philette Hamakua-Ling, Licensing Operations Division

In our efforts to meet our Mission to “protect the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest,” we have developed a post licensing fingerprint roll program.

This program involves coordinating a date and time for us to bring our fingerprint scanning machine to your card room.

We will select a sample of licensed card room employees and owners/substantial interest holders at random and arrange to roll their prints in a designated area of your card room.



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2012 Agency Request Legislation

We received approval from the Governor's office to move forward with SB 6046/HB 2219.

This proposal allows the Commission to issue licenses for up to 18 months to explore using Business Licensing Services (BLS), a Department of Revenue program. Some state and local government licenses are issued through BLS; for example, state business, lottery, and liquor licenses can be issued through BLS.

Businesses renew all licenses issued through BLS once a year, with one application.

Under current law, gambling licenses can only be issued for up to 12 months (RCW 9.46.070). A change in state law is needed before we can consider joining BLS.

During the "transition year" to BLS, some license expiration dates may need to be extended up to 18 months to allow BLS to align gambling licenses with other licenses issued through BLS.

Joining BLS could make applying for and renewing gambling licenses easier for more than 3,600 licensees.

To read more about this bill and other bills, visit the legislative home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo> and click on "bill information" and put in the 4 digit bill number.

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We will use the fingerprints to run criminal background checks to determine if employees/owners continue to be qualified to hold a gambling license (RCW 9.46.070(7)).

Your Field Operations Special Agent will be present during the rolling. So far, we have conducted five post licensing fingerprint roll visits at house-banked card rooms in Lakewood, Burien, Lacey, Arlington and Ellensburg.

A Customer Service Specialist from Licensing will be contacting you in the future to schedule a "roll" time. When they call, please take the opportunity to discuss any scheduling concerns or questions you may have.

We may also combine a card room management licensing training and fingerprint rolling session at the same time, so please suggest any licensing topics of interest or criminal history questions you have.

It is our goal to work with you to successfully implement this program. If you have questions, please contact a Customer Service Specialist in the Individual's Unit at (800) 345-2529.

Washington State Gambling Commission 2012 Commission Meeting Schedule

Look for the 2nd half 2012 meeting schedule in the January - July 2012 edition of this newsletter or on our website under Public Meetings.

February 9 & 10

Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge

20500 Old Highway 99 SW

Grand Mound, WA 98531 – (360) 273-7718

March 8

(One Day - Thursday)

Olympia Red Lion

2300 Evergreen Park Drive

Olympia, WA 98502 – (360) 943-4000

April 12

(One Day - Thursday)

Comfort Inn Conference Center

1620 74th Avenue SW

Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691

May 10 & 11

Spokane

Location to be determined

June 2012 NO MEETING

July 12 & 13

DoubleTree Guest Suites – Southcenter *(tentative)*

16500 Southcenter Parkway

Seattle, WA 98188 – (206) 575-8220

August 9 & 10

Vancouver Heathman Lodge *(tentative)*

7801 NE Greenwood Drive

Vancouver, WA 98662 – (360) 254-3100

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- Changes to Commission meeting dates, and more...



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Raising Money for Charity

There are many good causes that need money to fund projects and help those in need. This article outlines what charitable/nonprofit organizations and commercial business can do to raise money for charity.

Individuals cannot raise money using gambling activities, even if the money is given to charity.

However, there may be other ways you can help. As an alternative:

- Ask your charity to sponsor a raffle or other events and give them a hand operating it.
- Ask for donations and give the money to charity. However, any donation, no matter what amount, must not be linked to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.
- Sell items and give all or a portion of the sale price to charity. However, a purchase must not be linked to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.

Or, you may be able to raise funds using a non-gambling activity such as a:

- Basket Auction; or
- [Essay Contest](#).

Charitable or nonprofit organizations may offer several types of gambling activities to raise funds (read further in this article to determine if your organization qualifies to offer these gambling activities). Some gambling activities require a license. Others don't, depending how it's operated.

Gambling activities that don't require a license:

- [Golfing sweepstakes](#)
- [Turkey shoots](#)

Gambling activities that may or may not require a license:

- Amusement games (crane and carnival games)
- Bingo
- [Raffles](#)

Gambling activities that always require a license:

- Card games and card tournaments
- [Casino/Reno nights \(Fund-raising events\)](#)
- [Poker runs](#)
- Punch boards/pull-tabs

Commercial businesses may offer several types of *licensed* gambling activities:

- Amusement games (crane & carnival games)
- Card games and card tournaments
- Punch boards/pull-tabs

Commercial businesses can choose to donate all or a portion of the money it makes to charity. However, gambling activities must never be linked to a drawing or the chance to win an additional prize.



Here are some common questions we get about fundraising, along with the answers.

Can I raffle my house?

- Individuals cannot raffle their house, even if they donate all or part of the proceeds to charity. You would have to give your house to a charity and they would raffle it. All proceeds from the raffle must go to the charity's stated purpose; none can go to you.
- Only certain charitable/nonprofit organizations can offer raffles. See our [Raffles](#) brochure for details.

Can I ask people to make a donation to my charity for the chance to win a prize?

You can ask people to make a donation to your charity; however, you cannot link a donation to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.

Can I use a promotional contest of chance to raise money for my charity?

- No. Individuals, commercial businesses, and charities cannot use promotions to raise money for any reason, even if the money is given to charity.
- Only commercial businesses can offer promotions for the sole purpose of *advertising* their goods and services. Promotions cannot be used to raise money for the business or a charity. See our [Promotions](#) brochure for details ([RCW 9.46.0356](#)).
- Charitable or nonprofit organizations cannot use promotions to raise funds or advertise their charity. As an alternative, see if you qualify to offer a [Raffle](#).

Can I have a "casino night" fundraiser?

Only charitable/nonprofit organizations can apply for a "Fundraising Event" gambling license to offer "Casino/Reno nights" to raise money for charity. [Training and record keeping materials](#) are posted on our website.

Can I offer a card tournament to raise money?

- Charitable/nonprofit organizations can apply for a *license* to offer card tournaments.
- Commercial businesses can apply for a *license* to offer card tournaments for profit. It's fine if they choose to turn their profits over to a charity; however, the tournament cannot be linked to a drawing.
- Individuals cannot offer card tournaments, even if they give the money to charity. As an alternative ask your charity if they qualify to offer a card tournament and help them with the tournament.

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Raising Money for Charity Continued

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Can I have an auction?

Auctions are not gambling because the winner is the highest bidder (*not by chance*). This includes silent auctions and “live” auctions where bids are called out.

Can I offer an essay contest?

Essay contests are not gambling, because the winner is selected based on their skill (*not by chance*). See our [Essay Contest](#) brochure for more details.

Does my charitable/nonprofit organization qualify to offer gambling activities to raise funds?

Washington State law requires that your charitable or nonprofit organization’s by-laws or articles of incorporation state the organization is organized and operating **only** for one or more of the following purposes:

- Agricultural
- Civic
- Patriotic
- Athletic
- Educational
- Political
- Charitable
- Fraternal
- Social

Or be one of the following:

- Agricultural Fair
- Church
- Fraternal Society
- Grange
- Religious Society

If your organization’s by-laws or articles of incorporation include any stated purpose(s) other than those listed above, you do not qualify to offer a charitable gambling.

If you meet the “stated purpose” requirement above, your organization *must also* meet the following three requirements:

- Have been organized and operating for at least 12 months *before* offering the gambling activity; *and*
- Be able to prove your organization has made significant progress towards accomplishing its stated purposes during the 12 consecutive months before offering the gambling activity; *and*
- Have at least 15 voting members who elect the governing body.

If your organization does not meet these qualifications, you are not eligible to conduct gambling activities.

If your organization’s purpose is to lobby, you may not be eligible to offer a raffle, even if you hold a 501c rating with the IRS.

How are Rule Changes Made?

All rule changes must be approved by our 5-member board of Commissioners.

When changes to rules are proposed, there is a process in place to ensure licensees, the public, and staff are given time to review and comment on the changes.

Proposed rule changes are discussed at two or more Commission meetings and usually one or two study sessions.

Generally, proposed rule changes are first discussed at a study session. Study sessions are typically held 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday mornings before Commission meetings (see page 2 for the Commission meeting schedule).

Study sessions are informal meetings that provide an opportunity for you to meet with staff and discuss current issues, enforcement questions, legislative bills, and of course, proposed rule changes.

The next step is for proposed changes to be discussed by the Commissioners at a formal public meeting. At the first Commission meeting (first month), proposed rule changes are Up for Filing and are generally filed for discussion.

The following month (second month), proposed rule changes are discussed at the informal Study Session again.

At the following Commission meeting (usually the third month), the rule is Up for Final Action and the Commission will decide whether to make the change or not.

Any additional comments from staff and the public can be discussed at this meeting. If additional time is necessary to determine final action, (if the rule change should be adopted or not,) the Commissioners, staff, or the public can request the rules be held over to the next meeting.

Study Sessions and Commission meetings are open the public and you are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to comment on proposed rule changes, please see the article “Send Us Your Comments” on the next page for how to submit your comments.

Up for Final Action February 2012 Commission Meeting

Envy Wagers

WAC 230-15-040

Rockland Ridge and Galaxy Gaming are requesting amendments to card games to:

- Allow all players in the card room placing “envy” or “share the wealth” wagers to receive the prize even if they are playing a different game (as long as the game they are playing has the “envy” wager). For example, a licensee could offer “envy” wagers on different games, such as Lucky Ladies, Fortune Pai Gow, Emperor’s Challenge, etc. and anyone playing the “envy” wager would win the “envy” prize.
- Define “envy” and “share the wealth” as bonus features;
- Allow other game features that do not require a separate wager to be considered bonus features;
- Allow bonus features and progressive jackpots to be combined; and
- Allow progressive jackpots prizes for “envy” and “share the wealth” wagers.

Send Us Your Comments

The Commissioners appreciate knowing if you support or oppose proposed rule changes.

You are invited to attend a Commission meeting and share your comments with the Commissioners. See page 4 for the Commission meeting schedule.

If you can’t attend a meeting, you may send your comments to the address below and we will forward your comments to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Rules Coordinator
P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504
E-mail: RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov

For detailed information about rule changes under discussion at each Commission meeting, visit our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov and select [Public Meetings](#).

Meeting agendas and detailed information are posted about ten days before each meeting.

While you’re on our website, [sign-up](#) to get an e-mail notification of when meeting agendas are posted on our website.

You can also follow us on Twitter to get meeting information: Twitter: [WAGambling](#).

Petition from the Public Denied by the Commissioners

Connecting Jackpot Prizes

WAC 230-06-170, 230-15-050, and 17 news rules

At the August 2011 Commission meeting, a petition for rule change from Galaxy Gaming, a licensed manufacturer, requesting that house-banked card rooms be allowed to connect jackpots together was not filed due to lack of a “second” on a motion to file the proposal. The Commissioners stated they did not file the petition because of pending legal questions related to it.

Petition from the Public Withdrawn by the Petitioner

Minimum Cash on Hand for Jackpot Prizes

WAC 230-15-050

Victor Mena, a licensed card room operator, submitted a petition for rule change requesting that card rooms offering large jackpot prizes be allowed to keep funds greater than \$30,000 in a separate bank account off site, rather than at their business premises.

When the petition was up for discussion at the August 2011 meeting, the petitioner withdrew his request stating he no longer needed the rule change.



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NOVAS - Notice of Violation and Settlement

The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) is a way to resolve some gambling rule violations without going through the full administrative process. A NOVAS is issued directly by a gambling field agent to a licensee at the time of the violation. The written notice outlines the violation and how to correct it. Fines range between \$200 and \$500.

If a licensee does not correct the violation and pay the fine within 15 days, we will take administrative action to revoke or suspend their gambling license.

Following are NOVAS Issued During April - September 2011

HOUSE-BANKED CARD ROOMS	
Failing to follow Internal Controls	
Coyote Bob's Casino	Kennewick
Lilac Lanes and Casino	Spokane
Z's Restaurant at Zeppoz	Pullman
Casino Caribbean	Yakima
Casino Caribbean	Kirkland
Club Hollywood Casino	Shoreline
Allowing an unlicensed person to work	
Maverick's Casino	Cle Elum
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg
Owl Club	Spokane Valley
Allowing a minor to gamble	
Casino Caribbean	Kirkland
Casino Caribbean	Yakima
Chip's Casino	Lakewood
Joker's Casino	Richland
Nob Hill Casino	Yakima
Silver Dollar Casino	Renton
Failing to prevent intoxicated persons from gambling	
Lucky Dragonz Casino	Seattle
Roxy's Bar and Grill	Seattle
Z's Restaurant at Zeppoz	Pullman

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES	
Failing to follow internal controls	
Adam J. Allen	Ringo's Little Vegas, Spokane Valley
Robert S. Himes	Ringo's Little Vegas, Spokane Valley
Ryan Wilber	Lilac Lanes Casino, Spokane
Allowing a minor to gamble	
Athena Mason	Chip's Casino, Lakewood
Austin Christensen	Casino Caribbean, Cle Elum
Corren Spargur	Joker's Casino, Richland
Gensheng Tian	Nob Hill Casino, Yakima
Jessica Jacobson	Casino Caribbean, Yakima
Parris Giard	Wildcard Casino, Wenatchee
Garth D. Hill	Chaplin & Friends Bar and Grill, Spokane
Hoa N. Ta	Lucky Dragonz Casino, Seattle
Paul P. Nhem	Lucky Dragonz Casino, Seattle
Vasco C. Franklin	Roxy's Casino, Seattle
Working without a current license	
Leeann K. Traux	Coyote Bob's Casino, Kennewick

Administrative Actions Taken for Violating Gambling Rules

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Kelly Bang, of Maple Valley, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Roxy's Bar & Grill & Magic Lanes Restaurant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal History. • Second Degree Theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee failed to respond to the charges. • The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his license.
Heather Ihlan, of Federal Way, CRE, (formerly employed by Roman Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee failed to respond to the charges. • The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking her license.
Jesse A. Wilson, of Poulsbo, CRE, (employed by All Star Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee made a significant payment towards his outstanding fines and fees. • The licensee agreed to a ten-day suspension, with three days deferred for one year and seven days served.
Dontrae Burdette, of SeaTac, CRE, (employed by Lucky Dragonz Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding gross misdemeanor warrant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee quashed the outstanding warrant. • The licensee agreed to a ten-day suspension, with three days deferred for one year, and seven days served.
Michael Benson, of Lakewood, CRE, (formerly employed by Macau Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took three bottles of beer from the Macau Casino Lounge without paying for them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensee agreed to surrender his license and not reapply for six months.
David J. Fisk, of Yelm, Class III Employee, (formerly employed by the Nisqually Indian Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheating. • While dealing craps, he gave casino guests free bets, resulting in a loss to the Red Wind Casino. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Class III Employee failed to respond to the charges. • The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his certification.
Mark Bishop, of Fife, Class III Employee, (formerly employed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal History. • Two Fourth Degree Domestic Violence convictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) revoked his license. • The Class III Employee filed a Petition for Review. • The Commissioners affirmed the ALJ's Initial Order revoking his certification.
William J. Martelli, of Toppenish, Class III Employee, (formerly employed by the Yakama Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal History (Pending). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Class III Employee failed to timely request a hearing. • The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his certification.
Duong H. Luu, of Bellingham, Class III Employee, (formerly employed by the Snoqualmie Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed bets and paying fees to an alleged bookmaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Class III Employee failed to request a hearing. • The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his certification.
Victoria Curtis, of Spokane Valley, CRE (formerly employed by Cactus Jack's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal History. • Pull-Tab theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 27, 2011, the ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Ms. Curtis' license.

Administrative Actions Continued

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Austin Moses, of Fife, Class III Employee, (employed by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ revoked his certification. The Class III Employee filed a Petition for Review and subsequently made a substantial payment towards his fines and fees in collections. The Commissioners affirmed the ALJ's Initial Order revoking his certification and also imposed a seven day suspension of his certification. However, they deferred the revocation for one year, on the condition that during the year, the Class III Employee enters into a payment program and pays all court-ordered costs and fees and not violate any Commission rules or laws. The revocation will not be imposed if the certified employee complies with Commission's order.
Robert Yan, of Lynnwood, Card Room Employee (CRE) (formerly employed by Parker's Sports Bar & Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheating. As a player, reset Fortune Pai Gow hand after dealer's hand was set. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Yan's license. The licensee filed a Petition for Review, which was heard at the September Commission meeting. The Commission upheld the revocation.
Lily Real, of Puyallup, CRE (formerly employed by Happy Days Casino & Restaurant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraud. Stopped payment on \$3,000 in checks to the Macau Casino. Repaid \$475, and then stopped making payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Default Order was presented at the February Commission meeting; however, Ms. Real appeared at the meeting and the Commissioners remanded the case back to an ALJ. The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Ms. Real's license. The licensee filed a Petition for Review, which was heard at the September 2011 Commission meeting. The Commission upheld the revocation.
Ben Zeng, of Seattle, CRE (formerly employed by the Golden Nugget Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraud. Non-sufficient fund checks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Default Order revoking Mr. Zeng's license was entered at the April 2011 Commission meeting. The licensee filed a Motion to Vacate the Default Order, which was heard at the July 2011 Commission meeting. The Commission denied the Motion to Vacate the Default Order.

Administrative Actions Continued

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
David A. Falcon Jr., of Lacey, CRE and Class III employee (formerly employed by the Macau Casino and Snoqualmie Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft of over \$5,000 in \$500 chips from the Snoqualmie Casino. On May 26, 2011, Mr. Falcon pled guilty to Attempted Theft in the Second Degree and was placed on 12 months of probation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Snoqualmie Gaming Commission revoked the Class III employee's tribal gaming license on June 2, 2011. • The licensee/Class III employee did not request a hearing and a Default Order revoking his license/Class III certification was entered at the September 2011 Commission meeting.
Stanley Ruff, of Pacific, CRE and Class III employee (employed by Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On September 15, 2011, the ALJ denied Commission staff's charges for revocation of Mr. Ruff's Class III certification and license.
Brinnon Aasted, of Auburn, Class III employee (employed by Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Class III employee paid a substantial amount to reduce his fines and fees, and agreed to a 10-day suspension, with three days deferred for one year.
Trisha Carpenter, of Rochester, Class III employee (formerly employed by the Chehalis Confederated Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending theft charges of \$700 from the casino cage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chehalis Confederated Tribal Gaming Agency revoked the Class III employee's tribal gaming license on May 11, 2011. • The Class III employee did not request a hearing. A Default Order revoking Ms. Carpenter's certification was entered at the November 2011 Commission meeting.
Benjamin M. Hodge, of Tacoma, Class III employee (formerly employed by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft of casino property from a Tribal storage warehouse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Puyallup Tribal Gaming Regulatory Office revoked the Class III employee's tribal gaming license on May 5, 2011. • The Class III Employee did not request a hearing. A Default Order revoking Mr. Hodge's Class III certification was entered at the November 2011 Commission meeting.
Scot Cooper, of Marysville, CRE (formerly employed by Wizards Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 27, 2011, the ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Cooper's license.
Manuel Garcia, of Renton, CRE (formerly employed by Roman Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding court fines and fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 4, 2011, the ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Garcia's license. • The licensee filed a Petition for Review, which was heard at the September 2011 Commission meeting. • The Commission upheld the revocation.

Administrative Actions Continued

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Sopha Noy, of Seattle, CRE, (formerly employed by Iron Horse Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Court Fines and Fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ revoked her license. The licensee filed a Petition for Review. The Commissioners affirmed the ALJ's Initial Order revoking her license. However, they deferred the revocation for one year, on the condition that during the year, she pay all court ordered costs and fees in accordance with the payment agreement that she has entered into with a collection agency and that she does not violate any Commission rules or laws. The revocation will not be imposed if the licensee complies with the Commission's order. The Commissioners also imposed a seven-day suspension of her license.
Daniel Parsons, of Yakima, CRE, (employed by Casino Caribbean).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Court Fines and Fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee paid all of his outstanding fines and fees. The licensee agreed to a ten-day suspension, with three days deferred for one year and seven days served.
Steven Robinson, of Bremerton, CRE, (employed by All Star Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Court Fines and Fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ revoked his license. The licensee filed a Petition for Review. The Commissioners affirmed the ALJ's Initial Order revoking his license. However, they deferred the revocation for one year, on the condition that during the year, the licensee pays all his outstanding fines and fees, and does not violate any Commission rules or laws. The revocation will not be imposed if the licensee complies with the Commission's order. The Commissioners also imposed a seven day suspension of his license.
William P. Roy, of Tacoma, CRE, (formerly employed by Palace Casino and Chips Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Court Fines and Fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ revoked his license.
Amanda Hunter, of Tacoma, CRE, (formerly employed by Riverside Casino).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding gross misdemeanor warrant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee quashed her warrant. A Prehearing Conference was held, but the licensee did not appear. The ALJ issued an Order of Default revoking her license.

National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

March 4 - 10, 2012



Problem Gambling is an equal opportunity disorder, affecting anyone, anywhere, anytime.

**When gambling becomes a problem,
help is available at
(800) 547-6133**

For details about the National Problem Gambling Awareness Week visit their website at www.npgaw.org, or visit Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling's website at www.evergreencpg.org.

The Following Card Rooms Successfully Passed Underage Gambling Inspections During April - September 2011

Caribbean Card Room	Kirkland	Kegler's Casino	East Wenatchee
Crazy Moose	Mountlake Terrace	Palace Casino	Lakewood
Diamond Lil's Casino	Renton	Macau Casino	Lakewood
Element	Oak Harbor	Iron Horse Casino	Auburn
Golden Nugget Casino	Tukwila	PJ Pockets Casino	Federal Way
Goldie's Casino	Shoreline	Freddie's of Fife	Fife
Great American Casino	Tukwila	All Star Casino	Silverdale
Great American Casino	Everett	Chip's Casino	Bremerton
Great American Casino	Lakewood	Hawk's Prairie Casino	Lacey
Great American	Kent	Silver Dollar Casino	SeaTac
Club Hollywood Casino	Shoreline	Freddie's Casino	Renton
Red Dragon	Mountlake Terrace	Wizards Casino	Burien
Riverside	Tukwila	Blue Mountain Casino	Walla Walla
Roman Casino	Seattle	Buzz Inn Steakhouse	East Wenatchee
Royal Casino	Everett	Classic Island Casino	Kennewick
Silver Dollar Casino	Mill Creek	Coyote Bob's Casino	Kennewick
Casino Caribbean	Yakima	Crazy Moose Casino	Pasco
Joker's Casino	Richland	Maverick's Casino and Saloon	Cle Elum
Lancer Lanes	Clarkston	RC's Casino	Sunnyside
Nob Hill Casino	Yakima	Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg
Owl Club	Spokane Valley		

OUR MISSION:

PROTECT THE PUBLIC BY ENSURING THAT GAMBLING IS LEGAL AND HONEST.

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Collecting Unpaid License Fees Continued

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If you choose to use the two-part payment plan and then go out of business, surrender your license, or your license is revoked, you must still pay the second half of your license fee. If you do not, we may assign the amount you owe to a collection agency.

If you are past due on the second half of your license fee, we will notify you in writing at least 30 days before we send your debt to a collection agency.

You may send your second half payment to us or call us to discuss your options at any time during those 30 days.

Once the debt is assigned to the collection agency, you still have up to 10 calendar days to pay without penalty.

If you pay the debt directly to us before the deadline, we will notify the collection agency and they will cancel the account and not attempt to collect the money from you.

After 10 days, the collection agency will add on their own fee, which is usually about 1/3 of the total debt. When the debt is collected, we will only receive the amount originally owed to us.



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OR SOMEONE
YOU KNOW HAS A
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HELP IS AVAILABLE

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