

## Good Bye Quarterly Newsletter... Hello Blog! New Blog Will Get News to You Faster

By: Susan Newer, Rules Coordinator & Public Information Officer

I am delighted to announce that we are launching a blog this Spring 2016. The purpose of this blog is to get news and updates to you in a more timely manner. This blog will also connect us on a more personal level by giving you the opportunity to comment and ask questions on blog posts. This blog stems from our commitment of providing information and resources to support your gambling operations.

**What is a Blog?** A blog is a webpage consisting of entries (also called posts) appearing in reverse chronological order with the most recent entry appearing first. Each post is an individual article, like the articles you read in this newsletter. The author of a blog is often referred to as a blogger. I will be the blogger for our new **Focus on Gambling Blog (FOG Blog)**. I will also be posting articles that other staff write.



**Here's how it will work.** An e-mail will be sent to every e-mail address in our Licensing Database and to folks that are on our Focus on Gambling Newsletter e-mail list-serve. The e-mail will include a few sentences introducing an article. If you are interested in the topic and want to read more, simply click on a link and you will be taken to a blog page where you can read the full article, leave comments and ask questions. We will respond to you and get you the information you need. Articles will be archived by topic (for example, card games, bingo, etc.) on the blog page so you can access information that relates to your specific gambling activity.

**Transition from Quarterly Newsletter to Blog - Final Newsletter.** This will be the last edition of the quarterly Focus on Gambling Newsletter. We have distributed a news bulletin or quarterly newsletter since the 1980's. These publications have been an important tool in our communications program for getting news to you. However, there is a downside to *quarterly* newsletters. As information is provided to me (your newsletter editor) it can be held in the hopper for up to three months, waiting to be published quarterly. Using a blog, I can immediately get information to you!

We are committed to ensuring we have a positive impact on your gambling operations and our new **Focus on Gambling Blog** is one way we plan to achieve this. We think you will enjoy the new blog and ability to ask questions and provide feedback.

***We look forward to seeing you on our new Focus on Gambling Blog! Happy New Year!***

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Washington State Gambling Commission

# Focus on Gambling

## Washington State Gambling Commission

**Mission:** *Protect the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest.*



Earned accreditation from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in 2014.



2015 nominee for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

### Administration

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**Chief Information Officer Information Technology** - Tom Means

- **Electronic Gambling Lab**  
Administrator - Paul Dasaro
- **Digital Forensics**

## New Ex Officio Appointed



**Representative Brandon Vick**, 18<sup>th</sup> District, was appointed as an Ex Officio Member to the Gambling Commission by Governor Inslee.

He replaces Representative Chandler who served as an Ex Officio Member for the past two years.

Representative Vick said "Gaming is a growing part of our economy" and he is "happy to be on the Commission to keep an eye on the industry."

Representative Vick was elected to the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in 2012 and was recently appointed to the Commerce and Gaming Committee.

Representative Vick is a lifelong resident of Clark County. He is the Sales and Marketing Manager for Vick Landscaping, a family owned and operated business founded by his grandfather in 1961.

He is a recipient of the Vancouver Business Journal's "Accomplished and Under 40" Award – Class of 2011 and a graduate of Leadership Clark County – Class of 2010. He is married to his high school sweetheart Darci and is a proud father to Makena Rae.

Four members of the legislature act as ex officio members of the Commission and vote to approve or amend Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compacts. They also serve an important liaison role between the Commission and legislature.

## Let's Stay Connected

Click on the icons or text below to get connected with us. These **Stay Connected** links are also on our home page, in the lower right corner ([wsgc.wa.gov](http://wsgc.wa.gov)).



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## 2016 Legislative Update

By: Brian Considine, Managing Attorney and Legislative Liaison

The 2016 legislative session began on January 11, 2016. This year is a short session and the legislature is scheduled to adjourn on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

All bills that carried over to 2016 must be passed by the legislature and signed by the governor or they will need to be reintroduced in 2017. There are a few gambling-related bills of interest to you:



**HB 1301 / SB 5284 Classifying fantasy sports as contests of skill.** Daily fantasy sports is not authorized under Washington Law and it has been a prevalent issue nationwide, especially once New York filed a case to prohibit Draft Kings and Fan Duel from operating in its state. The bills attempt to exclude fantasy sports from the state gambling regulations by defining them as a game of skill.

The Senate Commerce and Labor committee held a work session in November 2015 on a possible amendment by Senator Roach to SB 5284. Senator Roach described the possible amendment to SB 5284 as attempting to define a “fantasy sports league” and exempts it from state gambling regulations by defining fantasy sports as games of skill so long as there are no more than 50 participants in the league who pay no more than \$50 to enter the league and the league consists of at least 50 percent of a sports season. The exemption would apply to fantasy football, basketball, baseball, soccer, hockey, golf, and NASCAR and it only authorizes persons 18 and older to play in these fantasy contests. The amendment is not intended to authorize daily fantasy sports in Washington.

**SHB 2001 Electronic Amusement games.** The bill authorizes amusement games with “randomly generated features.” The bill received a hearing and was passed out of the House Commerce and Gaming committee. This bill died in the House rules committee. The Commission was neutral on the bill.

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## Reduced Record Keeping for Card Games A Card Player’s Suggestion is Implemented

By: The Regulation Unit

We received a request from a card player to review the amount and type of information required on the Player-Supported Jackpot (PSJ) Winner’s Record.

The card player was concerned with the amount of personal information required on the form and the potential for identity theft. He questioned if all the winner’s information collected was necessary.

As we approached this concern, we considered the following:

- 1) The potential for identity theft by requiring detailed winner’s information; and
- 2) What information do we need to verify that a particular prize was paid.

The following information was required on the **PSJ Winner’s Record** (form number GC2-308): full name, date of birth, address, and either a driver’s license number or Social Security number.

For consistency, we also reviewed the **Card Tournament Summary** (form number GC2-301) which requires: full name and address.

We decided to change both forms and require only a full name and date of birth. This gives gambling agents enough information to identify the winner in the event prize verification is needed.

It also helps protect players from the potential for identity theft by requiring less information to be recorded on the forms.

NOTE: Other government agencies may have their own reporting requirements which may require card rooms to obtain additional information.



You may start using the updated forms immediately, which are posted on our website ([www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov)) and included on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.

For questions, please contact your gambling agent.

## 40 et 8 Bingo

Barb Loucks and Karla Bean represented 40 et 8 bingo during their program review at the October 2015 Commission meeting.



40 et 8 passed the review with flying colors and were approved to continue operating charitable gambling.

In 2014, 40 et 8 donated contributions and scholarships totaling over \$218,000.

Their primary programs are Nurse's training, youth sports, Americanism, child welfare and Veterans assistance.

### Charitable Donations

The philanthropic work of the 40 et 8 is felt in all corners of the Clark County Community. Thanks to 40 et 8 bingo, millions of dollars in revenue have been returned to the community.

In 2014, 27 scholarships were awarded to students in Nurses training at Clark College and 14 scholarships awarded for the youth scholarships program. Additional donations were made to 40 youth sports groups, little league, soccer, football, Jr. rifle and basketball.

40 et 8 also provided assistance to boy and girl scouting programs. The Child Welfare program donated shoes, school supplies and clothes to local schools and they joined with other veterans groups to provide holiday food baskets for many families at one of the local schools.

### About the 40 et 8

40 et 8 is an independent fraternal organization of U.S. Veterans. It was formed in 1920 by American veterans returning from France as an honor society.

From its earliest days it has been committed to charitable aims. Originally an arm of the American Legion, the 40 et 8 became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960.

Membership is by invitation to honorably discharged veterans and serving members of the United States Armed Forces.

The titles and symbols of the 40 et 8 reflect its First World War origins. American soldiers were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8, denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses.

This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American Soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of a deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have born the battle.

### All about the LOCI

The 40 et 8 Locomotive (LOCI) is a replica of a Nineteenth Century French WWI era coal burning locomotive engine. It was built in 1973 in Vancouver, Washington and has appeared in parades and gatherings throughout the United States, Alaska and Canada.



It is 12 feet 6 inches high, 29 feet 6 inches long and weighs in at almost 18,000 pounds. It can carry up to 13 passengers with a crew of three. It is powered by a Cummings Diesel Engine with an Allison six speed automatic transmission.

The 40 et 8 LOCI has been driven to all four corners of the United States and as far north as the Artic-Circle visiting Fairbanks, Alaska via the Al-Can Highway.

Each year the LOCI participates in dozens of parades and other patriotic and community functions in the Pacific Northwest.



*Note: The history/background in this article was taken from [the 40 et 8 website](#).*

## My Account Online Service Center

[My Account](#) is our online service center designed to help you conduct business with us easier.

Here are some of the services you will find in [My Account](#).

- Apply for new licenses
- Renew your license
- Print your license
- Pay your 2<sup>nd</sup> half license fee payment
- Pay other fees or fines
- Renew your employee's license
- Add or transfer an employee
- Change your name, U.S. mailing and e-mail address
- Report changes and update other information
- Submit gambling activity reports
- Edit gambling activity reports
- See two years of historical gambling activity reports
- Sign-up and manage e-mail notifications

To use [My Account](#), go to our website at [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov) and click on "[Sign In/My Account](#)" located at the top right of the page.



## Economic Market Study on Gambling

The Gambling Commission is now accepting bids from firms interested in conducting an economic market study on gambling in Washington State. "The study will put a finger on the pulse of the gaming industry and the public" Commission Chair Chris Stearns predicted, and "help us and the people of Washington prepare for changes and opportunities in 2016 and beyond."

In an effort to be proactive in our regulatory authority/role, we believe an economic market study will assist the Legislature and the Commission as we consider potential changes in gambling policy and in preparing for future industry changes. The study is expected to provide a picture of the existing gaming market (other than lottery and horse racing) in Washington State as well as a forecast for potential growth.

The study will measure the economic impacts in Washington State for commercial, non-profit, and Tribal gaming, including: employment, fantasy sports, gambling facilities, gambling trends, internet gambling, introduction of new or modernized gambling activities/games, mobile games, population trends, revenues, technology impacts, and tourism effects.

Firms interested in conducting this economic market study may [click here to apply](#). Bids will be accepted through January 22, 2016.

**Previous Surveys:** In 2011, the Washington State University Social & Economic Sciences Research Center (WSU) surveyed 532 residents by telephone to learn about gambling practices of Washington State residents, their knowledge of gambling regulation and their opinions on a range of policy issues. WSU also conducted this survey in 2005. Linked below are these surveys:

- [Public Opinion Survey Report 2012](#) (This report makes comparisons to the 2006 survey)
- [Overview of 2012 Survey Results](#)
- [Public Opinion Survey Report 2006](#)
- [Overview of 2006 Survey Results](#)

Here's an example of what you can read about in these reports: **Are Games Fair and Honest?** 78% of respondents said gambling was very/mostly honest and fair. About 1/4 said gambling was not very/not at all honest or fair. The percentage reporting that gambling is very/mostly honest and fair was 2% higher in 2011 than 2005.

## Rule Changes Up for Filing at the January 14, 2016, Commission Meeting Group 12 Amusement Games

See page 7 for how you can comment on proposed rule changes.

Read further in this article for how you can participate by telephone in the Group 12 Amusement Game discussion at the [January 14, 2016, Commission meeting](#).

### GROUP 12 AMUSEMENT GAMES

#### Amend:

[WAC 230-03-185](#) Applying for a manufacturer license.

[WAC 230-03-190](#) Applying for a distributor license.

[WAC 230-05-030](#) Fees for other businesses.

[WAC 230-06-110](#) Buying, selling, or transferring gambling equipment.

[WAC 230-13-005](#) Amusement games authorized.

[WAC 230-13-010](#) Approval of new amusement games.

[WAC 230-13-080](#) Operating coin or token activated amusement games.

[WAC 230-13-130](#) Display and exchange of amusement game prizes

[WAC 230-13-135](#) Maximum wagers and prize limitations.

[WAC 230-13-160](#) Basing rent on a percentage of gross receipts.

**Repeal:** [WAC 230-13-140](#) Price to play amusement games must be paid in cash or check.

In July 2015, the Commissioners authorized Group 12 amusement games to be played by persons 21 and over ([WAC 230-13-067](#)). With implementation of this new activity, staff has identified additional rule changes necessary to ensure effective regulation.

The proposed rule changes would require:

- Manufacturers and distributors of Group 12 amusement games to be licensed.
- Group 12 games to have an annual ID stamp.
- Wagering limits of \$5 and prize limits of \$1,000.
- Charitable organizations to be limited to 20 games
- Commercial licensees to be limited to 10 games.

Charitable organizations renting amusement games must receive at least 22% of the gross receipts from the games; This requirement would not apply to Group 12 games.

The Commissioners will also consider if:

- Gift cards can be awarded as a prize.
- Tickets or tokens won can be replayed.
- Participation in a gambling activity can be awarded as a prize.

The proposed rule changes are separated into three rules packages, which are linked below. Also linked below are public comments, a notification letter sent to licensees, and a small business economic impact statement:

- [Rules Package 1](#)
- [Rules Package 2](#)
- [Rules Package 3](#)
- [Public Comments](#)
- [Rule-Making Notice to Licensees](#)
- [Small Business Economic Impact Statement](#)

The proposed rule changes will be discussed at the [January 14, 2016, Commission meeting](#). The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

### Participate in the January 14, 2016, Commission Meeting by Phone

You are invited to participate in Group 12 Amusement Game discussion by telephone on Thursday, January 14, 2016, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. by calling (360) 407-3780 and entering PIN Code: 166530#

We anticipate rule changes will:

- Be filed for further discussion at the January meeting;
- Be discussed further at the February Commission meeting;
- Adopted at the March Commission meeting; and
- Become effective Mid-April.

See page 13 for the 2016 Commission meeting schedule of dates and locations.

## Recently Adopted Rule Changes

Recently adopted rule changes are posted on our website under Rules & Laws, [Recent Rule Revisions](#), where you can print the rules you need.

### HOUSE-BANKED CARD GAMES

#### *Connecting Progressive Jackpots within a Card Room*

**Effective: November 8, 2015**

**Administrative Order: 714**

#### [WAC 230-15-685](#) **Restrictions on progressive jackpots.**

A licensed manufacturer is requesting house-banked card game licensees be allowed to connect progressive jackpots from different card games on multiple tables within the card room. The games must have the same probability of winning the jackpot prize and the same winning hands. Currently, progressive jackpots can only be connected for the same card game within the same card room.

### CHARITABLE & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

#### *Excessive Reserves*

**Effective: January 1, 2016**

**Administrative Order: 715**

#### [WAC 230-07-051](#) **Accumulating excessive reserves.**

These changes would save nonprofit licensees money and time by no longer requiring them to set up an endowment or a restricted trust fund when they want to accumulate excessive reserves to use for future capital projects or start new programs.

## Petition for Rule Change Denied

#### *Enhanced Card Games*

#### [WAC 230-15-040](#) **Requirements for authorized card games.**

A licensed service supplier submitted a petition for rule change requesting “enhanced” house-banked card games. At the [October Commission meeting](#), no motion was made by the Commission on the petition, which effectively denied the petition. At the meeting, Commissioner Troyer stated the reasons for the Commission denying the petition was because the rule changes included undefined terms, ambiguous language, lack of criteria and insufficient details.

## Here’s How You Can Comment On Proposed Rule Changes

This article explains the rule-making process, how you can comment on proposed rule changes and how you can share your new ideas with us.

Proposed rule changes are generally discussed at one or two Study Sessions and two or more Commission meetings. Study Sessions and Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

**Commission meetings** are typically held the second Thursday and Friday of each month, with no meeting in June or December. Check our website as meeting dates get closer; sometimes meetings are reduced to one day.

**Study Sessions** are informal meetings that give you an opportunity to meet with us and discuss current issues, proposed rule changes, enforcement questions, legislative bills, etc.

#### **Review of Rule Changes**

- Rule changes are first discussed at a Study Session.
- The next month (2nd month), proposed rule changes are Up for Discussion and Possible Filing at a Commission meeting. The Commissioners generally vote to file proposed changes for further discussion.
- The next month (3rd month), rules are discussed at a Study Session again.
- The following month (4th month), rules are Up for Final Action where the Commissioners will decide whether to adopt the proposed change or not. Any additional comments from staff, licensees, and the public are discussed at this meeting. If additional time is needed to determine final action, the Commission, staff, or a member of the public can request the rules be held over to the next meeting for further review.

If you can’t attend a meeting, send your comments to:

E-mail: [RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov); or  
WA State Gambling Commission  
Attention: Rules Coordinator  
P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400

For rule changes and other items under discussion, see [Public Meetings](#) on our website. Meeting agendas are posted about ten days before each meeting.

See page 13 for our 2016 Commission meeting schedule of dates and locations.

## March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Submitted by: Dolores Chiechi, Executive Director, Recreational Gaming Association.

The Recreational Gaming Association (RGA) and the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling urges citizens of Washington to join in a special observance of March as State and National Problem Gambling Awareness month.

Most people who gamble do so for recreation and suffer no problems. However, for a small percentage gambling becomes a serious addiction. While the percentage is small, we in the gambling industry have all seen people with this problem. Studies indicate gambling industry employees have an even higher incidence of developing gambling addictions than other populations. As responsible business owners, we have a role to play in addressing this issue.

You can help during Problem Gambling Awareness Month by including a paycheck stuffer (below) in next month's payroll; educating yourself using materials you can find at [www.evergreencpg.org](http://www.evergreencpg.org); adopting the Industry Working Group's policy recommendations (to the right), and participating in Responsible Gambling Certification Training offered by the Evergreen Council on Problem gambling and the RGA.

Studies indicate that with education, awareness, and treatment programs in place, the rate of problem gambling can actually be lowered even when more opportunities are made available. As you may know, a small percentage (0.13%) of your B&O taxes goes towards a state program treatment, education and awareness through the [Department of Social & Health Services' Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery](#).

### Policy Recommendations for Washington Gambling Establishments

- Adopt a Problem Gambling Policy or Mission Statement.
- Designate a manager or owner to deal with Problem Gambling Issues.
- Participate in Responsible Gaming Certification Training for employees—for more information contact the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling at (360) 352-6122.
- Establish a Self-Exclusion (Self-Banning) policy enabling problem gamblers to voluntarily ban themselves from gambling facilities.
- Do not market those on the Self-Exclusion list.
- Make certain that the 1-800 Help line number is posted, as required by law, and post other Problem Gambling informational materials.
- Include problem gambling coverage in employee assistance programs.
- Support the work of the [Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling](#) or other organizations assisting problem gamblers.

Please help support Problem Gambling Awareness Month. It is not only good public relations—it is the right thing to do. Thank you for your consideration.



**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**  
START THE CONVERSATION

EVERGREEN  
council on problem gambling  
24/7 Helpline 1.800.547.6133

For most people gambling is entertainment. For some, it is an addiction. Start the conversation around responsible gaming and what problems look like with your friends and family. For more information, visit [Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling at www.evergreencpg.org](http://www.evergreencpg.org).

**24/7 Helpline (800) 547-6155**

## Administrative Case Update

In the last edition of this newsletter, we let you know administrate case information is available on our website.

### Licensing

Home > Licensing

#### Forms & Applications

All Forms & Applications

#### Request for Hearing

Hearing Request Form

#### Gambling Equipment Malfunctions

Report a Gambling Equipment Malfunction

#### Licensing Information

Types of Gambling Licenses & Who Can Apply for a License

Criminal History & Qualifying for a License

Fingerprinting Information

#### Pending Cases & Final Orders

Individuals & Organizations

Visit [wsgc.wa.gov](http://wsgc.wa.gov) and select the **Licensing** tab.

In the left side column you will see **Pending Cases & Final Orders**.

Under **Pending Cases & Final Orders** you will see Individuals & Organizations.

Click on **Individuals & Organizations**.



After you click on Individuals & Organizations you will see this:

< dir > Final Order Index  
< dir > Individuals  
< dir > Organizations

#### Final Order Index.

Here you can read administrative case information dating back to 2004.

#### Individuals and Organizations

Read full text of the statement of charges and the final orders, dating back to 2008.

We hope you find accessing this information on our website convenient.

If you have questions, please e-mail

[AskUs@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:AskUs@wsgc.wa.gov)

## 2016 Legislative Update

(Continued from page 3)

#### HB 2027 Gambling devices regulation - SB 5800

**Gambling devices without a license.** Both bills amend the Gambling Act, RCW 9.46.310, and would allow a business, under certain circumstances, to possess gambling devices or components of authorized gambling devices without first obtaining a license if the business registers with the Commission. Neither bill was heard in the 2015 session.

**HB 1114 Internet poker.** The bill authorizes wagering on internet poker games, and requires the Commission to adopt rules to qualify, license, and regulate internet poker in several areas. The bill did not receive a hearing in the House Commerce and Gaming committee.

**SB 6019 / SB 5686 / HB 2081 Addressing adjudicative proceedings involving a state agency also a party to the proceeding .** The bills require administrative law judges and/or an agency's presiding officer under the Administrative Procedure Act to issue final administrative orders. SB 5686/HB 2081 died in committees. However, SSB 6019 passed out of the Senate but the House amended it to remove the requirement that all presiding officers issue final orders. The Senate did not concur with the amendment and the billed did not pass to the Governor.



If you'd like to read more about these bills, they are easy to access on the legislative home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>. You can find any bill by searching for the bill's 4 digit number.

For questions, contact Brian Considine, Managing Attorney and Legislative Liaison, at (360) 486-3469 or by e-mail at [Brian.considine@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.considine@wsgc.wa.gov).

## 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 by an agent at the time of the violation. The written notice outlines the violation and how to correct it. Fines range between \$100 and \$2,500. The violation must be corrected and the fine paid within 15 days, or administrative action will be taken against the gambling license.

The following NOVAS were issued during  
April through September 2015

House-Banked Card Rooms		Organizations	
<b>Allowed a minor to gamble</b>		<b>Failed to submit activity report in a timely manner</b>	
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	East Wenatchee	Apple Cup Cafe	Chelan
Crazy Moose Casino	Pasco	Brew's Cue	Yakima
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	JD Slicks	Sultan
<b>Allowed an employee to work without a license</b>		Loggers Inn	Sultan
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	East Wenatchee	LOOM 01774	Vancouver
Lancer Lanes and Casino	Clarkston	<b>Failed to remove prizes from pull-tab flare</b>	
<b>Failed to follow internal controls</b>		Cum Inn Bar & Grill	Spokane Valley
Aces Casino Entertainment	Spokane	Flying Boots & Wings	Tacoma
<b>Failed to maintain key log</b>		Halftime Sports Saloon	Gig Harbor
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Jeepers Country Bar & Grill	Spanaway
<b>Failed to properly transfer chips from gaming table</b>		J Michael's Pub & Eatery	Redmond
Iron Horse Casino	Auburn	Joe's Log Cabin	Wenatchee
<b>Failed to remove prizes from pull-tab flare</b>		Spuds Pizza	Tacoma
Coyote Bob's Casino	Kennewick	TJ's Pub	Spanaway
<b>Card Room Employees</b>		<b>Failed to comply with substitute flare requirements</b>	
<b>Allowed a minor to gamble</b>		FOE 03004	Okanogan
Eric Bowman	Buzz Inn Steakhouse, East Wenatchee	<b>Failed to maintain raffle records</b>	
Jason Leone	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	BPOE 01204	Anacortes
Marcy Lopez	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	<b>Failed to maintain independent management control structure</b>	
<b>Failed to renew license in a timely manner</b>		LOOM 02507	East Wenatchee
Breann Thiel	Wild Goose Casino, Ellensburg	<b>Extension of credit</b>	
		The Woodshed Bar & Grill	Spokane



**Licensee Name**  
**CARD TOURNAMENT SUMMARY**

*NOTE: For Class F Licensee's—This form must be attached to Daily Card Room Record (GC2-313).*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Gross Gambling Receipts Computation:**

A. Entry Fees Collected	B. Food & Drink Provided	C. Total Tournament Entry Fees (1)
-	=	
\$ _____	- \$ _____	= \$ _____

**II. Total Prizes Awarded:**

A. Buy-Ins (2).....	\$ _____
B. (plus) Total Prizes Paid by House.....	\$ _____
C. (equals) Total Prizes Awarded.....	\$ _____

**III. Winners List: (Print Winner's Full Name and Date of Birth)**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	_____	_____	\$ _____
2.	_____	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	_____	\$ _____
5.	_____	_____	\$ _____
6.	_____	_____	\$ _____
7.	_____	_____	\$ _____
8.	_____	_____	\$ _____
9.	_____	_____	\$ _____
10.	_____	_____	\$ _____

Total Prizes Awarded (3)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Preparer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Footnotes:**

- (1) Class F Licensee's—Total Tournament Entry Fees are to be recorded on **Daily Card Room Record (GC2-313)**. HBCR Licensee's—Total Tournament Entry Fees are to be recorded on **HBCR Monthly Income Summary (GC2-282)**.
- (2) This amount must agree with the total buy-ins recorded on form Summary of Participants, Entry Fees, & Buy Ins GC2-302.
- (3) NOTE: Total prizes awarded must equal or exceed the total buy-ins.

## Washington State Gambling Commission 2016 Public Meeting Schedule

Visit [Public Meetings](#) on our website the week before each meeting to confirm meeting date and start time. You will also find the meeting agenda, list of licenses up for approval, and proposed rule changes under review.

January 14 & 15	Red Lion 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502 – (360) 943-4000
February 11 & 12	Best Western – Hawks Prairie 8326 Quinault DR. NE, Lacey, WA 98516 – (360) 456-5655
March 10 & 11	DoubleTree by Hilton 415 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501 – (360) 570-0555
April 14 & 15	DoubleTree by Hilton 415 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501 – (360) 570-0555
May 12 & 13	Red Lion 2525 N. 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301 – (509) 547-0701
June	NO MEETING
July 14 & 15	Red Lion - Seattle Airport 18220 International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98188 – (206) 246-5535
August 11 & 12	Best Western – Hawks Prairie 8326 Quinault DR. NE, Lacey, WA 98516 – (360) 456-5655
September 8 & 9	Yakima Valley Hotel & Conference Center 1507 N. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Yakima, WA 98901 – (509) 248-7850
October 13 & 14	DoubleTree by Hilton 415 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501 – (360) 570-0555
November 10 & 11	DoubleTree by Hilton 415 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501 – (360) 570-0555
December	NO MEETING

# Our Mission: Protect the Public By Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.

## Online Fantasy Sports

By: Susan Newer, Rules Coordinator & Public Information Officer

You've probably seen advertisements on television and articles in the news about online fantasy sports. You probably know fantasy sports is not legal in Washington State, but are not sure why it's not legal. We hope this article answers this and other questions you may have.

The Washington State Constitution prohibits all gambling activities, unless the activity is specifically authorized in state law.

Fantasy Sports and [online gambling](#) have never been authorized for play by the Washington State legislature.

In 2015, two fantasy sports bills were introduced ([SB 5284](#) & [HB 1301](#)); [SB 5284](#) had a hearing. The bills would have declared fantasy competitions as games of skill and exempt from any classification as gambling. The bills died, but remain alive in the 2016 legislative session. See our legislative update on page 3 for more about these bills.

At their September 2015 public meeting, the Commissioners identified fantasy sports as a key issue for the future. To be prepared for changes that may come, staff researched fantasy sports and compiled information and statistics on this activity.



At the November 2015 Commission meeting, staff presented an overview of fantasy sports to the Commissioners.

The overview included a history of fantasy sports, the differences between season long and daily fantasy sports games, and a state by state update.

Staff's PowerPoint Presentation and full 41 page report are posted on our website home page and linked below:

- [Fantasy Sports Overview](#)
- [Fantasy Sports Report](#)

We hope you find this information helpful.

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