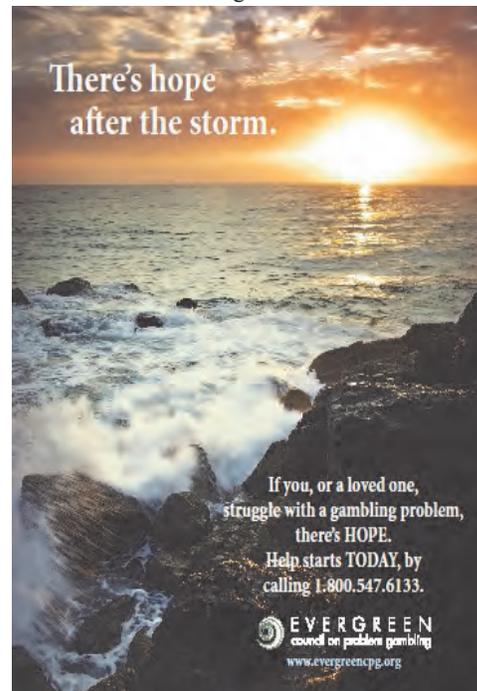


March Is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

By: Maureen Greeley, Executive Director, Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling



Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed March 2014 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Washington State following the announcement of the first National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Thanks to partnerships between the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling and many state agencies, businesses, problem solving courts, law enforcement offices and associations, treatment providers and provider agencies, gaming industry members, Tribal nations, schools, media partners, and more, Washington State offers a broad range of programs and services addressing problem and responsible gambling. Here are just two program highlights that may be of greatest interest to those involved with the gaming industry. Learn more about these programs at www.evergreencpg.org.

Responsible Gaming Industry Training

Last fall, the Recreational Gaming Association (RGA) and its members from Great American Gaming Corporation and Washington Gold Casinos took part in the first Washington State responsible gaming certification training for gaming industry employees. With nearly a thousand employees participating in the trainings over a four-day period, this first effort was a great success.

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Farewell Commissioner Prentice



Margarita Prentice was appointed as a Commissioner in August 2012 by Governor Gregoire. She resigned effective March 2014. Prior to this appointment, she served 18 years as a State Senator and Ex Officio member of the Commission.

Commissioner Prentice was a regular attendee at Gambling Commission meetings for almost 20 years and we will miss her thoughtful participation. We wish her the best.

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New Ex Officio Appointed



Representative Bruce Chandler, 15th District, was appointed as an Ex Officio member by Speaker of the House Frank Chopp in December 2013. He replaced Representative Gary Alexander, 2nd District, who served from 2007 to 2013, and recently retired from the legislature.

Representative Chandler has been a State Representative since 1999. He has more than 30 years of experience in the fruit industry and currently owns/operates a commercial fruit orchard near Granger.

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.

Tips When Applying for Individual Licenses

By: Philette Hamakau-Ling, Licensing Operations Division

We offer several types of “individual” licenses. For example, we license card room employees, manufacturer and distributor representatives, and gambling managers. If you have an individual license or are thinking about applying for one, here are tips to help you expedite getting a license in your hand.

New Applications

To avoid delays in processing your new application for a license, please use the most current version of the application, which is posted on our website at <http://www.wsgc.wa.gov/forms/individual-license-certification.aspx>

Tips for submitting a complete application:

- Answer all questions.
- Enter N/A (non-applicable) if a question does not apply to you.
- Include a clear copy of your positive identification.
- Get your fingerprints rolled at your local law enforcement office or at our office in Lacey.
- Submit a check or money order for the exact license fee amount.

By submitting a complete application, we won't need to contact you to request additional information. This means we can process your application faster and get a license to you sooner.

Renewal Applications

We create a renewal application especially for you. Each renewal application is specific to each employee, so do not use someone else's renewal application.

Tips for submitting a complete renewal application:

- Make sure your employer signs your application.
- Submit a check or money order for the exact license fee amount.
- Update your address, if it has changed.

In November of 2013, our website got a new look. You may notice that some links or information have moved to another location. If you can't find something, please call the Individual's Licensing Unit at (360) 486-3440, extension 2331 and we will help you find what you are looking for.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

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"This issue is aligned with one of our company's core values, integrity: We will conduct our business in a responsible and ethical manner. Responsible gaming increases community respect and acceptance of gambling as an entertainment choice," said David Fretz, President of Great American Gaming Corporation and Vice President of the RGA.

Along with training around how to provide information and assistance to guests at gaming venues, attendees also learned that there are a number of risk factors that increase the likelihood that employees in the gaming industry will develop gambling-related problems, such as regular exposure to gambling and a perception of having "insider knowledge." Participants also learned there are a number of protective factors for industry employees that may discourage development of gambling-related problems: proactive culture of responsible gaming; understanding the odds, and employer support for staff members affected by problem gambling.

Therapeutic Justice Program

In late 2012, the first Drug Court Problem Gambling Therapeutic Justice program in Washington launched and to date, more 34 people have participated in the program from both the Drug and Family courts. This important effort was made possible by a community partnership between the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling, Lakewood Police, Department of Justice, Pierce County Superior Court, and Pierce County Alliance.

People don't look at gambling as a disease-based approach; they see it as a character flaw. However, the whole cycle that causes cravings with drugs and alcohol is the same for problem gambling. The difference is that you don't have a substance to ingest. But the neuroscience is real, and the fallout is worse. A diversionary program in the justice system to help problem gamblers get treatment addresses the underlying cause of their offense - gambling addiction.

"Keeping people out of jail and in productive lives has far-reaching benefits for our communities, as well as significant cost savings for the state," said Maureen Greeley, executive director of the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling. "It's not about shirking responsibilities or neglecting to make restitution. It's about limiting the possibility that this person will repeat the offense or spiral down to extreme consequences for themselves, their families, and communities. And, it works."



2014 Legislative Update

The 2014 legislative session is scheduled to adjourn on March 13.

There were a few new gambling-related bills introduced this session. However, these bills were not heard in committee and died. We expect more work will be done on both of these bills between now and when the 2015 session begins. In order for the legislature to hear them in the 2015 session, they will have to be reintroduced.

HB 2283: Provides certain legal exemptions on gambling devices being transported to, or in the possession of, a licensed or certified manufacturer of Class III Tribal Lottery Systems (TLS). The intent of this change is to allow Class III TLS manufacturers to possess gambling devices for research and development, or warehousing. Certain other criteria must be met. For example, the devices may not be available to the general public.

HB 2673: The intent of the bill is to allow an occasional element of chance as part of a coin-in amusement game. In the current version of the bill, the "gambling device" statute is being amended. If this bill is reintroduced next session, we expect the "amusement game" statute will be amended instead.

To read more about these bills, they are easy to access on the legislative home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo>, just enter the 4 digit bill number.

If you have questions, please contact Amy B. Hunter, Legislative Liaison, at (360) 486-3463 or by e-mail at Amy.Hunter@wsgc.wa.gov.

Rule-Making Process and How You Can Comment on Proposed Rule Changes

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

Proposed rule changes are generally discussed at one or two Study Sessions and two or more Commission meetings.

See page 10 for a schedule of Commission meeting dates and locations. Study Sessions and Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

Commission meetings are held once a month on the second Thursday and Friday of each month. Meetings are not held in June and December. Check our website as meeting dates get closer, as meetings are sometimes changed to a one-day meeting.

“If you can’t attend a meeting, please send your comments to us”

Study Sessions are held Thursday mornings before Commission meetings (10:30 a.m. to noon, unless it’s a one-day Commission meeting,. Then they will begin earlier in the 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.

Step-By-Step Action:

1. Rule changes are first discussed at a Study Session.
2. The next month (second month), proposed rule changes are Up for Discussion and Possible Filing at a Commission meeting and the Commissioners generally vote to file proposed changes for further discussion.
3. The next month (third month), rules are discussed at a Study Session again.
4. The following month (fourth month), rules are Up for Final Action at a Commission meeting 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, please send your comments to us at:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Rules Coordinator
P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400
E-mail: RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov

To see what rule changes and other business are going to be discussed at Study Sessions and Commission meetings, see Public Meetings on our website. Agendas are posted about ten days before each meeting.

Stay Connected

Sign-up to get e-mail notifications as soon as Commission meeting agendas are posted on our website. This is an easy way to get information without having to visit our website to see if new information is posted.

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Rule Changes Up for Final Action At the March 2014 Commission Meeting

WAC 230-14-110 Recording winners.

WAC 230-14-265 Retention requirements for punch boards and pull-tab series.

Petition from the Public: Steve Berven, owner of four commercial businesses offering pull-tabs.

The petitioner is requesting to increase the threshold for recording identification information for punch board/pull-tab winners from “more than \$20” to “more than \$50”.

Action: The Commissioners filed the petition for discussion at their January 2014 Commission meeting and it was reviewed at the February 2014 Study Session. We anticipate the Commissioners will take final action at their March 2014 meeting.

WAC 230-14-047 Standards for electronic video pull-tab dispensers.

This rule amendment is in response to a October 2013 Thurston County Superior Court decision. The court directed the Commission to allow a specific electronic video pull-tab dispenser, which permits the purchase of a pull-tab at the dispenser and allows pull-tab winnings of \$20 or less to be added onto a cash card at the dispenser. This amendment adds language to WAC 230-14-047 to allow pull-tab prizes of \$20 or less to be added to cash cards used in electronic video pull-tab dispensers. Most prizes are below \$20.

Action: The Commissioners filed this proposal for discussion at their November 2013 meeting and discussed it at their January 2014 meeting. At the February 2014 meeting, this was held over at the request of a licensee. We anticipate the Commissioners will take final action at their March 2014 meeting.



Recently Adopted Rule Changes Card Game Rule

The updated rule is on page 11 and includes both changes described below.

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

Effective Date: February 17, 2014

Administrative Order: 693

The Commissioners adopted a petition for rule change from Ashford Gaming, LLC to allow an optional wager, in the game of Mini-Baccarat, to be placed on either the player hand or banker hand winning the next three consecutive games.

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

Effective Date: March 17, 2014

Administrative Order: 694

The Commissioners adopted staff’s proposed changes to clarify the rule to allow more than one “envy” and “share the wealth” “bonus feature” to be offered in a single card game. New definitions were added for “separate game,” “envy,” “share the wealth,” and “bonus features” and language was added to bring rules in-line with current practice by clarifying that:

- Card games and “bonus features” must be approved by the director or the director’s designee;
- The prize in a “bonus feature” is based on achieving the predetermined specific hand;
- “Bonus features” may not be combined with a progressive jackpot;
- Approved card games must be operated as documented on our agency website;
- Other game features that do not require a separate wager are considered “bonus features”; and
- For variations of Pai Gow Poker, a player may bank every other hand as authorized in approved card game rules.

Card Game Rules Review - Chapter 230-15 Rule Changes Up for Filing At the March 2014 Commission Meeting

Commission staff periodically review and evaluate regulatory processes, to ensure they meet regulatory goals and are not placing unnecessary burdens on individuals or businesses. We strive to remove duplications from rules, ensure consistency between licensees, and allow maximum flexibility for licensees. These reviews help us meet one of our agency goals of “Anticipating and responding to the evolving gambling industry.”

In conjunction with the card room industry, we recently reviewed all card game rules to simplify and streamline requirements. Below are recommended changes that resulted from this joint review.

Action: Reviewed at the January and February 2014 Study Sessions. Up for discussion and possible filing at the March 2014 Commission meeting.

Based on questions raised at the January and February 2014 Study Sessions, proposed amendments to reduce the timeline for reporting illegal or suspicious activities was removed from this rules package. This is a good example of staff working together with licensees on proposed rule changes.

Changing Processes and Procedures

WAC 230-15-025 Hours of play. Licensees would only be required to get initial approval from us to operate during the hours of 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. After the initial approval, they can change their hours without sending in additional requests. Licensees will document their hours of operation in their internal controls.

WAC 230-15-111 Destruction and disposal of gambling chips. Removes specific procedures for destroying chips from the rule as licensees must use our recordkeeping forms to account for chips that are destroyed.

WAC 230-15-335 Internal controls. Removes requirement for class F card rooms to include items in their internal controls that are already addressed by other rules or included as part of our required recordkeeping for fee collection, and card/chip inventory.

WAC 230-15-430 Internal control requirements. Removes items that are general in nature, addressed in other rules, or may be areas where licensees would have procedures that are not regulatory concerns.



WAC 230-15-465 Dealing all house-banked card games from a dealing shoe: An exception was added to allow single deck card games to be dealt by hand.

WAC 230-15-505 Selling gambling chips to players. Removes specific chip selling procedures from rule. Instead, licensees will need to develop their own procedures and include them in their internal controls.

WAC 230-15-565 Access and entrance to cashier's cage. Removes requirement to keep, in the accounting department, names of persons with access to the cage.

WAC 230-15-570 Cashier's cage bank requirements. Repealing this rule will allow cashier cages to be operated on a float basis without getting approval from us.

WAC 230-15-575 Separate imprest bank allowed for nonhouse-banked card games. Moves the definition of “imprest” from WAC 230-15-570 to this rule.

WAC 230-15-580 Accepting checks at the cashier's cage. Allows checks to be accepted at the poker podium. Removes the requirement for checks to be stamped “for deposit only” and takes out specific procedures for accepting traveler's checks.

Changing Funding and Commission Amounts

WAC 230-15-380 Seeding a player-supported jackpot. Removes the \$5,000 limit on the amount licensees can start (seed) a player-supported jackpot (PSJ) with or replenish a PSJ that has been won.

WAC 230-15-385 Collecting funds for a player-supported jackpot. Removes the \$2 limit on the amount licensees can collect from the pot to fund a PSJ.

WAC 230-15-480 Commission on winning hands. Removes the five percent commission limit that may be taken by licensees on winning hands.

Recordkeeping

Minor changes are proposed to the following rules to bring them in-line with current recordkeeping requirements.

- ◇ **WAC 230-15-250 Recordkeeping for card tournaments.**
- ◇ **WAC 230-15-355 Counting procedures for fees.**
- ◇ **WAC 230-15-400 Accounting for player-supported jackpot funds.**
- ◇ **WAC 230-15-530 Completing the credit process.**
- ◇ **WAC 230-15-560 Operating the cashier's cage.**
- ◇ **WAC 230-15-620 Concluding the count.**

Rule Changes Up For Final Action at the April 2014 Commission Meeting

WAC 230-17-170 Petition and hearing for stay of the summary suspension.

This rule allows licensees to request a hearing to “stay” (or lift) an order of summary suspension and requires the hearing to be held within seven days after we receive the request. The proposed change increases the time to hold a stay hearing from seven to 14 days. This will allow additional time for all parties to prepare for the hearing and is consistent with other state agencies.



Action: Reviewed at the January 2014 Study Session. Filed for discussion at the February 2014 Commission meeting. We anticipate the Commissioners will take final action at their April meeting.

WAC 230-03-061 Fingerprinting persons holding an interest in the building of house-banked card room licensees or charitable or nonprofit licensees in regulatory groups III, IV, or V.

This new rule ensures the WAC is consistent with RCW 9.46.070(7) by requiring persons holding an “interest” in a building used for a gambling activity to undergo background checks. The rule describes an interest in a building used for a gambling activity as at least 51%, or less than 51% interest in a building when there is actual or potential influence or control of the operation of a house-banked card room or a charitable or nonprofit in regulatory groups III, IV, or V.

Action: Filed for discussion in July 2013. At the August 2013 meeting, the Commissioners asked staff to meet with stakeholders to address their concerns. A new rule resulting from those meetings was filed at the February 2014 Commission meeting. We anticipate the Commissioners will take final action at their April 2014 meeting.

WAC 230-06-050 Review of electronic or mechanical gambling equipment.

WAC 230-06-054 Notification of electronic or mechanical gambling equipment malfunctions.

The proposed changes to **WAC 230-06-050** will codify our current practice of:

- Requiring all costs associated with the review of gambling equipment to be paid in full at the completion of the review.
- Requiring the version of gambling equipment/software submitted for review to be identical or substantially similar to what is marketed and used in Washington State.
- Including any security and surveillance requirements in our approval letter that must be met to operate the equipment.

It also clarifies that gambling equipment must be approved and the business licensed before selling, or leasing may begin in Washington State.



A new rule, **WAC 230-06-054**, would require licensees to notify us within 72 hours of identifying or becoming aware of an electronic or mechanical gambling equipment malfunction. Staff has created a form for licensees to use to report the equipment malfunctions.

Action: Reviewed at the January 2014 Study Session. Filed for discussion at the February 2014 Commission meeting. We anticipate the Commissioners will take final action at their April 2014 meeting.

Rule Changes Up for Filing at the April 2014 Commission Meeting

Manufacturers and Distributors

A Petition for Rule Change has been submitted by John Lowman, a licensed distributor, requesting that the Commission adopt rules to require licensed manufacturers to make all bingo and pull-tab products and equipment available to all licensed distributors for the same price and terms.

Action: Under review at the March 2014 Study Session. Up for discussion and possible filing at the April 2014 Commission meeting.

WAC 230-03-025 Applying for a manufacturer’s special sales permit.

Staff proposes adding language to answer questions received from applicants about this permit:

- Who can apply for this permit;
- How long the permit is good for;
- The activity allowed with this permit; and
- The rules that the permittee must follow.

Action: Reviewed at the February 2014 Study Session and will be reviewed again at the March 2014 Study Session. Up for discussion and possible filing at the April 2014 Commission meeting.

We Can Help Investigate Thefts at Charitable & Nonprofit Organizations

By: Greg Thomas, Program Manager, Northwest Region

When a nonprofit organization discovers money has been stolen by an employee, many times they will hire an outside auditor or Certified Public Accountant to investigate the theft. This results in additional costs to the licensee.

If the theft is gambling funds or related to a gambling activity and you report the theft to us, Gambling Commission Special Agents will routinely investigate the theft at no additional costs to you.

Gambling Agents are graduates of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (Police Academy) and are trained to seek, collect, and gather evidence to build a case and then forward the case to the local prosecutor.

Agents have an understanding of your gambling activity and the accounting records you use.

If you discover or suspect an employee or anyone else is stealing from you, please contact your local Gambling Special Agent for assistance.

Gambling on Credit is Not Allowed

By: Greg Thomas, Program Manager, Northwest Region

WAC 230-06-035 prohibits licensees or their employees from allowing any person to gamble on credit and from loaning money to players to gamble.

Players must pay in advance of participating in a gambling activity, with the following exceptions:

- The payment for punchboard or pull-tab purchases of ten dollars or less can be collected immediately after play is completed.
- Nonprofit organizations:
 - May accept credit cards for payment to purchase raffle tickets. This is the only time credit cards can be accepted for gambling.
 - That have a billing system may bill for members-only licensed gambling activities.

If you or your employees allow players to play on credit or loan money to players to gamble, your gambling license may be in jeopardy.

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 a field agent at the time of the violation. The written notice outlines the violation and how to correct it. Fines range between \$200 and \$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 October, November, and December 2013

House-Banked Card Rooms

Failed to keep accurate records regarding card inventory

Joker's Casino	Richland
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Failed to properly maintain video/audio recordings

Lancer Lanes Restaurant and Casino	Clarkston
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Organizations

Failed to properly delete prizes from pull-tab flare

Hy Iu Hee Hee	Gig Harbor
Puerto Vallarta	Yelm

Card Room Employees

Allowed a card room employee to work with an expired license

Arthur Audette	Royal Casino, Everett
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Failed to follow internal controls-Accurate tip reporting

Eric Slider	Lilac Lanes and Casino, Spokane
Sara Sok	Roxy's Bar and Grill, Seattle
Say Vongkhamchanh	Roxy's Bar and Grill, Seattle
Sokim Keal	Roxy's Bar and Grill, Seattle
Sonyong Dimond	Club Hollywood Casino, Shoreline
Vanna Yan	Roxy's Bar and Grill, Seattle

Worked with an expired license

Jacob Derricott	Royal Casino, Everett
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Failed to properly transport and secure drop boxes

Jessica Dixon	Black Bear Casino, Spokane Valley
Matthew Wiley	Black Bear Casino, Spokane Valley

Failed to account for table inventory

Chester Morgan	Red Dragon Casino, Mountlake Terrace
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Administrative Case Update

Administrative Charges were issued to the following licensees and their cases were settled/finalized in January 2014.

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Washing J. Chen, of Kent, Card Room Employee (CRE) (formerly employed by Roman Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Criminal History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Initial Order revoking Washing Chen's license.
Kao C .Saechao, of Kent, CRE (formerly employed by Lucky Dragonz Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Criminal History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The license requested a hearing; however, the request was late. ● A Default Order revoking Mr. Saechao's license was entered at the January Commission meeting.
Hong T. Nguyen, of Vancouver, Applicant (Application with Lucky 21 Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denial of Application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The applicant did not respond to the administrative charges. ● A Default Order revoking Ms. Nguyen's license was entered at the January Commission meeting.
Joshua Wilson, of Silverdale, CRE (formerly employed by All Star Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fines, Fees, and Failures to Appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The licensee did not appear at the hearing. ● The ALJ issued an Order Dismissing Appeal as Untimely and Alternative Default Order.
Panda Woks Restaurant, Pasco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Late Quarterly Activity Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ALJ issued a Notice of Case Closure as the hearing request was received late.
Thomas J. Finnerty, of Kenmore, CRE (formerly employed by Riverside Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Finnerty's license.
Jing-Ru Lu, of Seattle, CRE (formerly employed by Riverside Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Lu's license.
Arong E. Phoumkeo, of Everett, CRE (formerly employed by The Hideaway)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prior to a hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender his license.
Juan R. Correa, of Zillah, Class III Employee (formerly employed by the Yakama Indian Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The certified employee did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order revoking Mr. Correa's certification was entered at the January Commission meeting.
Linda L. Schaefer, of Hayden, ID, CRE (formerly employed by Ringo's Little Vegas Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Settlement Order violation ● Administrative History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Ms. Schaefer's license.

WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION
2014 Commission Meeting Schedule
Updated February 27, 2014

January 16 & 17	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
February 13 & 14	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
Thursday, March 13 One-day Meeting Meeting date changed	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
April 10 & 11	Vancouver Heathman Lodge 7801 NE Greenwood Drive Vancouver, WA 98662 – (360) 254-3100
May 8 & 9 Updated Location	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
June	NO MEETING
July 11: One-day Meeting	Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge 20500 Old Highway 99 SW Grand Mound, WA 98531 – (360) 273-7718
August 14 & 15	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
September 11 & 12	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
October 9 & 10	Spokane Davenport Hotel 10 South Post Street Spokane, WA 99201 – (509) 455-8888
November 13 & 14	Comfort Inn Conference Center (Tentative) 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
December	NO MEETING

Recently Adopted Rule Changes

Administrative Order #693 - Effective Date: February 17, 2014: New subsection (5)(b).

Administrative Order #694 - Effective Date: March 17, 2014: All other amendments.

AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

(1) In order for a card game to be authorized, it must be approved by the director or the director's designee and must:

(a) Be played with standard playing cards or with electronic card facsimiles approved by the director or the director's designee; and

(b) Offer no more than four "separate games" with a single hand of cards (~~(-However,)~~) and no more than three of the "separate games" may offer a wager that exceeds five dollars each. (~~We consider bonus features and progressive jackpots separate games. If a player does not have to place a separate wager to participate, we do not consider it a separate game. An example of this is an "envy" or "share the wealth" pay out when another player achieves a specific hand; and~~

~~(e))~~ (i) "Separate game" means each individual objective to be achieved within a card game that requires a separate wager and results in a distinct and separate pay out based upon the outcome.

(ii) Progressive jackpots are considered "separate games."

(c) Identify "bonus features" to be allowed in each card game:

(i) "Bonus feature" means an added prize and/or variation based on achieving the predetermined specific hand required to win the prize and does not require a separate wager. More than one "bonus feature" may be offered per card game. A "bonus feature" must not be combined with a progressive jackpot. Examples include, but are not limited to, "envy" and "share the wealth" "bonus features" when operated as described below.

(ii) A "bonus feature" is not considered a separate game.

(d) Operate "envy" and "share the wealth" "bonus features" as follows:

(i) If a player makes a wager that qualifies for an "envy" "bonus feature" pay out, they are entitled to receive a prize if another player's hand achieves the predetermined specific hand. If a player is playing more than one wagering area or if a hand they are playing is split into two or more hands and any one of their hands achieves the predetermined specific hand, their other hand with a qualifying wager is entitled to receive a prize also.

(ii) If a player makes a wager that qualifies for a "share the wealth" pay out, they are entitled to receive a prize if their hand (s) or another player's hand(s) achieves the predetermined specific hand.

(e) Not allow side bets between players.

(2) Card game licensees may use more than one deck of cards for a specific game. They also may remove cards to comply with rules of a specific game, such as Pinochle or Spanish 21.

(3) Players must:

(a) Compete against all other players on an equal basis for non-house-banked games or against the house for house-banked

games. All players must compete solely as a player in the card game, except as authorized in approved card game rules for variations of the game of Pai Gow poker where a player may bank the game every other hand; and

(b) Receive their own hand of cards and be responsible for decisions regarding such hand, such as whether to fold, discard, draw additional cards, or raise the wager; and

(c) Not place wagers on any other player's or the house's hand or make side wagers with other players, except for:

(i) An insurance wager placed in the game of Blackjack; or

(ii) ((An) "Envy" or "share the wealth" ((wager which allows a player to receive a prize if another player wins a jackpot or odds-based wager)) "bonus features"; or

(iii) A tip wager made on behalf of a dealer.

(4) Mini-Baccarat is authorized when operated ((in the manner explained for Baccarat in the most current version of *The New Complete Hoyle, Revised* or *Hoyle's Encyclopedia of Card Games*, or similar authoritative book on card games we have approved)) as described in the commission approved game rules on our web site. However:

(a) Card game licensees may make immaterial modifications to the game; and

(b) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply; and

(c) The number of players is limited under WAC 230-15-055.

(5) A player's win or loss must be determined during the course of play of a single card game, except for:

(a) A carryover pot game. A carryover pot is an optional pot that accumulates as a dealer and participating players contribute to the pot. The winner of the pot is not necessarily determined after one game and the pot can be carried over to more than one game. Carryover pots must not carryover more than ten games. Participants must include at least one player and the dealer competing for the highest qualifying winning hand. Game rules must state how the pot is distributed. If the carryover pot has not been won by the tenth game, the dealer will divide it equally between the remaining players still participating in the pot and the house or, if allowed by game rules, only the players still participating in the pot; and

(b) In the game of Mini-Baccarat, a player may make an optional wager on the player hand winning the next three consecutive games, or the banker hand winning the next three consecutive games.

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