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# The MICHIGAN GAMING Newsletter



## POWERBALL LOTTERY TO BE OFFERED IN MICHIGAN

On January 31, 2010 Michigan Lottery players will be able to purchase Powerball tickets at Michigan's 11,000 Mega Millions retailers. An agreement was reached late last year between the Mega Millions consortium of 12 states and the Multi-State Lottery Association allowing the sale of Powerball lottery tickets in Michigan.

Michigan currently hosts the Mega Millions lottery game, available in 11 other states with a combined population of roughly 160 million people. The addition of Powerball, which on January 31 will be available in 33 lotteries (31 states, plus the District of Columbia and Virgin Islands), with a combined population of roughly 199 million people and 147,000 retail outlets, will offer the potential for additional revenue to Michigan's School Aid Fund.

"Since the agreement to sell Powerball tickets was reached, we have been hard at work to bring the game to our players," said Lottery Commissioner M. Scott Bowen. "I look forward to presenting a check to the first Michigan Powerball jackpot winner."

Under the agreement between the Mega Millions Consortium and the Multi-State Lottery Association, both tickets will be cross-sold in all U.S. lottery jurisdictions.

The Powerball lottery will be available at the cost of \$1 per wager and offers players a new chance to win. Jackpots will start at a guaranteed \$20 million and increase as multi-jurisdictional sales increase. Drawings will be conducted weekly at 10:59 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

According to the Michigan Lottery, over 98 cents of every dollar spent on Michigan Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to retailers.

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In fiscal year 2009, the contribution to schools was over \$724 million.

## **NOTICE: FEBRUARY MGCB MONTHLY MEETING CANCELLED**

Yesterday, Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) Executive Director, Rick Kalm announced the cancellation of the MGCB’s monthly public meeting previously scheduled for February 9, 2010.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the MGCB Detroit offices, located at Cadillac Place, in Detroit. The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. For more information regarding the MGCB, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/mgcb](http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb).

## **FIREKEEPERS CASINO CONCLUDES PROBLEM GAMBLING TRAINING**

On January 18, 2010, FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan announced the conclusion of nine training sessions for casino employees. Training sessions were put on by the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling (MAPG).

Over 200 team members, mostly supervisors and managers, attended the training sessions. FireKeepers Casino began working with MAPG before opening its doors to the public last year.

“FireKeepers Casino and Tribal owners, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, are committed to creating education and career advancement opportunities for team members by providing training such as this,” commented R. Bruce McKee, FireKeepers Casino General Manager. “Many team members have made the decision to make FireKeepers Casino their career and we are taking the initiative to help them make the next steps to advancement.”

For more information on the MAPG please visit <http://www.michapg.com/index.html>. Or call 1-517-242-0655 or e-mail Judy Herriff at

[jherriff@gmail.com](mailto:jherriff@gmail.com) to make arrangement for a speaker.

## **GREEKTOWN CASINO’S PLAN OF REORGANIZATION IS CONFIRMED**

Last Friday, January 22, 2010, Judge Walter Shapero of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan entered an Order confirming the Second Amended Joint Plans of Reorganization in the Greektown Casino bankruptcy matter. Under the confirmed plan of reorganization, ownership of the Casino will pass to a group of the Casino’s bondholders.

Furthermore, and in connection with the plan of reorganization, the prospective new owners disclosed a new proposed board of directors that would manage Greektown Casino-Hotel as a part of the casino’s revised bankruptcy reorganization plan. The new seven-member board is proposed to include several prominent business professionals who will go through licensure and approval by the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

The proposed board members include:

- George Boyer, former president and COO of MGM Grand Detroit;
- John Bitove, principal shareholder of Obeyks, a Canadian business subsidiary, and former founder and owner of the Toronto Raptors of the NBA;
- Michael Duggan, president and CEO of the Detroit Medical Center;
- Benjamin Duster IV, executive managing director of Watermark Advisors LLC, an investment banking firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions, private capital raises, strategic valuations and financial modeling;
- Joel Ferguson, founder of F&S Development Co. and Lansing’s WLJ-TV;
- Freman Hendrix, president and principal owner of a Detroit-based security guard company and former deputy mayor for former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer;
- Yvette Landau, an attorney and co-owner of W.A. Richardson Builders LLC of Las Vegas who previously served as chief legal counsel for the Mandalay Resort Group.

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## **MGCB WEBSITE ADDS HORSE RACING SECTION**

The Michigan Control Board recently added a new section to their website concerning horse racing. It can be found at: [www.michigan.gov/mgcb/0,1607,7-120-55140---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb/0,1607,7-120-55140---,00.html).

Effective January 17, 2010 the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) officially assumed the duties of the Office of the Racing Commissioner (ORC).

On October 8, 2009, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm issued Executive Order No. 2009-45 which, among other things, transfers the regulation of horse racing from the Office of Racing Commissioner to the MGCB. The ORC and the position of Racing Commissioner were abolished by the Order.

MGCB Executive Director Rick Kalm now performs the functions of the Racing Commissioner.

## **RMC LEGAL AND RESORT ADVANTAGE PRESENT FREE ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES *COMPLIANCE ALERT: KEY ISSUES FOR 2010***

On Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 11 a.m., the professionals from Regulatory Management Counselors, P.C. (RMC Legal) will be presenting part one of a three part series entitled, "*Compliance Alert: Key Issues for 2010.*"

The program will provide relevant information for commercial and Native American casinos in Michigan and across the United States.

The Webinar Series is being produced through the joint efforts of RMC Legal, Resort Advantage and Convey Computer Systems, Inc.

Series 1, entitled "*BSA, OFAC and FACTA—They're Not Mutually Exclusive, and Your Compliance Plan Shouldn't Be Either*" will focus on the BSA and OFAC standards and gaming

compliance requirements. In addition, it will take a look at FACTA/Red Flag rules and give an overview of new regulations, proposed enforcement, and potential application to the gaming industry.

Presenters include attorneys from RMC Legal.

Persons who should consider attending include: casino operator and compliance managers and directors; accountants; regulators and lawyers.

To register for the Free online Webinar Series, please visit [www.resort-advantage.com/events-news/events-webinars/bsa-ofac-facta-series.html](http://www.resort-advantage.com/events-news/events-webinars/bsa-ofac-facta-series.html).