

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Chinook Winds

Chinook Winds Casino is holding a four-day St. Patrick's Day celebration from March 14-17.

It's a full-scale celebration in the convention center, complete with a no-host Irish food court, a no-host bar with Irish-themed drinks, live entertainment, and a chance to win a trip for two to Ireland. Beads and party favors will add to the festivities. Admission is free!

Event hours are 4 p.m. - 11 p.m., March 14-15; and 2 p.m. - 9 p.m., March 16-17. Niall Stanley & The Rovers, McNamara's Band, and Paddy O'Leary and his Little Leprechaun will provide entertainment.

The drawing for the trip to Ireland, which has no cash option, will take place on March 17 at 9 p.m. The winner does not need to be present. If the winner is present, however, he/she will receive a \$500 cash bonus!

The Spirit of Ireland will bring the music and dance of Ireland to Chinook Winds' showroom on March 15. Through the use of traditional Celtic instruments, the sound is authentically Irish. The musicians are top caliber and the dancers are world champions.

Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$10 to \$20, depending on seat location.

Dance Again to Country Sounds

Chinook Winds Casino's country dances are back by popular demand! The Lana Kress Band will start off the series of dances on March 29 at 8 p.m. in the convention center. Pull on your boots and get ready to two-step on a super-sized dance floor with a no-host bar and one hour of free dance lessons prior to the dance.

Kress started her music career by entertaining the crowds at the Roadhouse Grill in Gresham, Ore., every weekend. In 1999 and 2000, she was the Washington state winner and a regional finalist in the Country Showdown, the nation's largest country music talent search.

She opened for Travis Tritt in July 2000 when he came to Portland to play an acoustic concert. She also opened for a "Legends of Country Music" show in Canada. Kress was a regional finalist in the TNN Prime Time Country Road to Nashville Talent Series. She was selected to compete in the televised *Charlie Daniel's Talent Roundup*.

Currently, Kress has a debut CD on sale titled *Be Careful What You Wish For*, which is getting airplay in Europe and Australia.

Tickets, priced at \$10, are available at the box office. The next country dance is scheduled for June 27, featuring the McKenzie River Band.

Masciantonio Named Fourth Quarter Superstar

Earle (pronounced Early) Masciantonio, a member of the Cash Cage crew, was selected as the casino's Superstar for the fourth quarter of 2002.

Tribal elders, members of the Gaming Board of Directors, the Siletz Tribal Regulatory Agency, Chinook Winds directors, and several members of the casino staff were present at the Superstar ceremony on Jan. 30. In recognition of her achievement, Earle was presented with a \$1,000 check and a marble tile that will be displayed at the front of the casino.

To be eligible to receive the Superstar award, an employee must perform his/her duties at a high standard of excellence on a consistent basis. He/she must exhibit above-the-norm internal and external customer service and be a team leader by example.

Instances of exemplary performance must be documented.

Each nomination goes through several reviews before the final selection is made. Both casino staff and casino guests can submit Superstar nominations. With more than 700 employees and only four of these awards given each year, it's a real honor to be chosen as the Superstar.

Earle's nomination stated how much she was admired for her continued great customer service and caring for others, even though she faces some serious personal challenges.



Earle Masciantonio

Other nominees were Maria Watts and Beverly Shepard, both from the Food & Beverage Department, and Jessica Spurgeon, who works in the Cash Cage.

Hot Lava Polynesian Revue Heats Up Casino

Runi Tafeaga's Hot Lava Polynesian Revue will appear at Chinook Winds Casino on March 28, 30, and 31.

Enjoy Runi Tafeaga's Hot Lava Polynesian Revue, a traditional Hawaiian luau show, starring Zou Lou, who played Detective Kono on *Hawaii 5-0*. Hot Lava features a live band; male and female dancers from

Tahiti, Samoa, and Hawaii; and fire eater Chief Mika from Samoa.

The producer/director and emcee is Runi Tafeaga from Samoa. Many cast members have performed at the two most famous luau shows in Honolulu, Paradise Cove Luau and Germaine's Luau.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performances. Tickets are priced at \$10. The luau show includes a no-host bar with tropical drinks and a no-host food court featuring Polynesian appetizers.

Attendees will receive five bonus tickets for the chance to win a Hawaiian vacation. The vacation drawing will take place at 10 p.m. each night. Winners must be present; no cash option.

Men of Paradise to Appear

Male Polynesian dancers, Runi Tafeaga's Men of Paradise, are set to perform at Chinook Winds Casino on March 28.

The Men of Paradise, who also perform with Runi Tafeaga's Hot Lava Polynesian Revue, a traditional Hawaiian luau show, are from Tahiti, Samoa and Hawaii. Several of these young men were featured on *Baywatch Hawaii*.

This **one night only** performance will take place in the convention center. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. for the 9 p.m. show. Tickets are \$10. A no-host bar will be available. This show is limited to those age 21 and over.

\$28,000 Giveaway in April

Win a 2003 Honda CR-V in April! Entry blanks for the April 27 drawing will be available beginning March 17 by using your Winner's Circle card! In addition to the CR-V, \$3,000 in cash will be given away before the grand prize drawing.

Chinook Winds now has 350 ticket-in, ticket-out (TITO) machines, the only ones in Oregon! Look for new and exciting VLT games on the gaming floor.

See the Bingo calendar on page 24.