

## Ice Carving Championships Add to Holiday Season

On Dec. 5-7, the ethereal beauty of ice sculpture and the family fun of the holidays will come together at Chinook Winds Casino's Holiday of Ice Festival.

Along with the Pacific Northwest Ice Carving Championships, booths featuring holiday arts and crafts and live holiday music will be available. Kids can have their photo taken with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their No. 1 elf. Help make the holidays happy for others by bringing a new unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots.

Using chain saws, special ice carving chisels, blow torches, grinding disks that fit on a drill, flat irons and drummel tools, carvers entered in the Pacific Northwest Ice Carving Championships will create richly designed sculptures right before spectators' eyes.

On Dec. 5, everyone is encouraged to watch these artisans during the free-style competition with a two-ice block limit. What the competitors sculpt will be completely up to their imaginations. On Dec. 6, the competition will be an angel theme, with a one-block limit, to

coincide with the Angels Ball, a fundraiser for Angels Anonymous held at Chinook Winds Casino. On Dec. 7, the public can view ice carving demonstrations and exhibitions. Competition winners will receive \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third.

The call for entries is out. For information, please call 541-996-8732.

Although ice carving has been around for centuries in snowbound countries, ice sculpting for pleasure and entertainment did not debut until the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Ice sculptures on a smaller scale reached the table in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Early ice carvings doubled as receptacles for chilled desserts such as ice cream and sorbet. The advent of refrigeration allowed ice sculptures to be carved and then stored for later display.

By the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, ice sculptures had become the focal point of buffet tables. Today, ice carvings grace a wide variety of events, from corporate parties and holiday celebrations to weddings and bar mitzvahs.

## Meet NFL Hall of Famer Dave Wilcox

Football fans will have their chance to meet NFL Hall of Famer Dave Wilcox at Chinook Winds Casino. This NFL great will sign autographs and pose for photos during the NFL and college football games on Dec. 20 through Dec. 22 in the Rogue River Lounge.

Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka once said that Wilcox's fierce playing is why he retired from playing. Nicknamed The Intimidator, Wilcox was a linebacker with the San Francisco 49<sup>ers</sup> for 11 seasons.

Each season, the players would be rated based on their performance. The typical score for a linebacker was 750. With 104 solo tackles and four forced fumbles, Wilcox earned a score of 1,306 in 1973. During his career, he only missed one game because of an injury.

This Oregon Duck was named All-NFL five times, All-NFC three times, and played in seven Pro Bowls.

## After Concert Drawings

One-and-one-half hours after the end of each performance, five \$100 cash winners will be selected from show attendees. Participants will be asked to write their name, address, and phone number on the back of their ticket stub and deposit it in a drum located at the main cashier area.

### Keno Hours

Keno's hours of operation have changed for the winter season.

**Monday-Thursday**  
9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday**  
8 a.m. to midnight

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## Portland Gay Men's Chorus Schedules Benefit

Chinook Winds Casino will present Home for the Holidays, the first 2003 holiday concert by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, on Dec. 7. All ticket sales for this event will benefit the Coastal AIDS Network. Currently, this is the choir's only scheduled holiday concert outside the Portland-metro area.

As is becoming tradition, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus (PGMC) will perform traditional and contemporary holiday favorites. For many years, the 80-member choir has maintained a consistent presence throughout Oregon by giving concerts to benefit local AIDS charities. These events have been in Astoria, Newport, Corvallis, and now Lincoln City.

In addition to an evening of festive fun and merry music, a post-concert mixer is included. This immediately follows the show and includes light snacks. A no-host bar will be available before and after the show.

Coastal Aids Network (CAN), formed in 1989, is dedicated to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and to maintaining a high quality of life for those living with or affected by the disease in Tillamook and Lincoln counties. CAN fulfills this mission through community education, outreach, supportive services, and advocacy.

The concert starts in the convention center at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

## Peking Acrobats Amaze

On Dec. 12-13, the Peking Acrobats will awe audiences of all ages with their dexterity and agility for three performances in Chinook Winds Casino's Concerts By The Sea showroom. *The New York Post* wrote about them: "Pushing the envelope of human possibility ... pure artistry!"

Hailing from the People's Republic of China, the Peking Acrobats have been diplomats of their wondrous culture since 1958. Members of the troupe have been seen on *The Wayne Brady Show* and in the movie *Ocean's Eleven*. Last year, they set the Guinness Book of World Records for Highest Human Chair Stack (six acrobats balanced themselves on a 21-foot stack of six chairs while simultaneously performing handstands with no safety lines or guide wires).

Carefully selected from the finest acrobat schools in China, these gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists, and tumblers transform 2,000-year-old athletic disciplines into an all-ages festival of entertainment and wonder. Their agility and dexterity will cause

the audience to "ooh" and "ah" in sheer amazement. From as early as age 5, the hand-selected performers commence mastering disciplines dating back to the Ch'in Dynasty (225-207 B.C.), a



dynamic period when the acrobatic movements mirrored the pleasantries and struggles of daily life.

Today, the 26-member troupe is the largest of its kind and performs under the flawless direction and choreography of Hai Ken Tsai, whose family is steeped in three generations of Chinese acrobatics.

**This is an all ages show** at 8 p.m. on Dec. 12, and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 13. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25.