

Above: Brad Darcy (left), Special Events at Chinook Winds, and Ewa Laurance, WPBA president (second from right), present a check to Cheryl Preston, Teresa Wisner, (executive director), and Ed, all from My Sisters' Place. Left: Jeanette Lee and Jim Kikumoto

Shootout Raises Money for My Sisters' Place

In November, Chinook Winds Casino hosted the Women's Professional Billiards Association's (WPBA) Cuetec Cues National 9-Ball Championship. These are the same ladies who are seen playing on ESPN. In fact, our event will air on ESPN starting in early January. This tournament also will return next year.

As part of this event, Chinook Winds held a Celebrity Pro-Am Shootout to raise money for My Sisters' Place. This local shelter aids women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

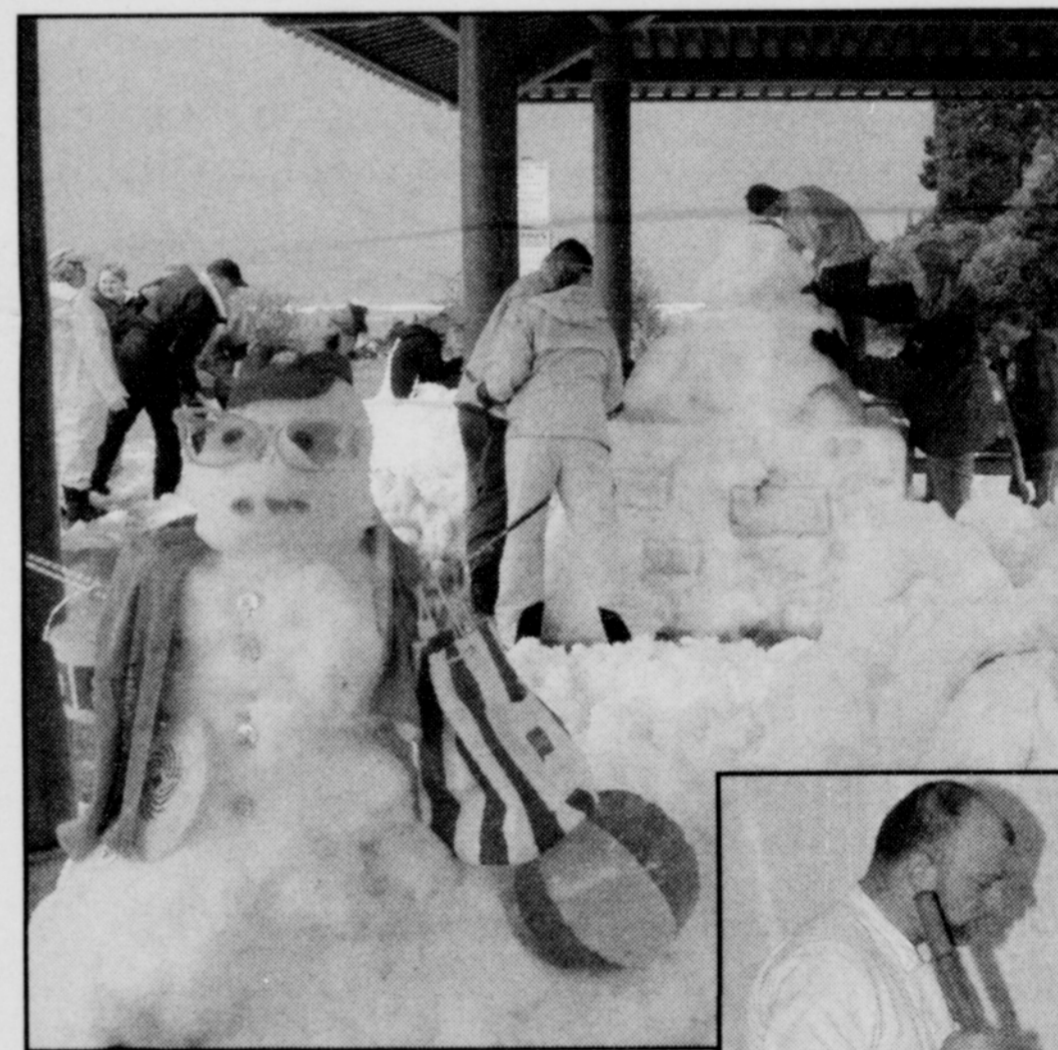
Chinook Winds and the WPBA felt very strongly that this group's work is invaluable. The night's event raised \$5,840 from ticket sales (100 percent was donated by the casino), as well as

bids taken from the audience, Chinook Winds' employees, and the celebrities.

These bids gave the person an opportunity to play a game of 9-ball against the top-rated pool player of their choice, including Jeanette Lee (most recognized billiards player in the world), Allison Fisher (No. 1) and Ewa Laurance (No. 9 and WPBA president).

Chinook Winds gave \$1,000 of the donation as a stake on a match between actor John Ashton and Lee. Ashton won, so Chinook Winds paid up. General Manager Jim Kikumoto also played against Lee.

At the end of the tournament, Tribal Council Chairman Delores Pigsley honored the ladies with a Pendleton blanket.



Left: Chinook Winds' entry in the snowman building competition takes first place. Below: A carver works on his ice sculpture during the first Ice Carving Competition.



Angels Ball and Ice Carving Highlight Holiday Festival

Chinook Winds staff volunteered again this year to help decorate trees for the Fantasy of Trees Charity Auction and the Angels Ball. With more volunteers than were needed, a friendly competition was held and everyone pitched in to decorate four of the 26 trees.

The Angels Ball and Fantasy of Trees Auction is held each year to raise funds for Angels Anonymous, a local non-profit organization that donates money to help meet immediate and basic needs of local people. This year, \$18,000 was raised for this charity.

The first Ice Carving Competition and Holiday Festival was held at Chinook Winds in conjunction with the Angels Ball.

Both professional and amateur carvers took part in the successful competition, including a student team from Taft High School. In addition to the ice sculptures entered in the competition, entrants also carved ice angels that were displayed at the Angels Ball and lined the walkway into the casino.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Santa's most reliable elf greeted young and old all

weekend and at the Snowman on the Beach competition held on 51st Street.

North Lincoln Sanitary Service brought snow from Mt. Hood in recycling trucks and dumped it at the turnaround near Mo's for the competition.

Although it was cold and wet, Chinook Winds once again fielded a team for the fund-raiser headed by Chef Ed Wickman. Chinook Winds' entry, of course, came in first in the Commercial Division for Snowman Building.



Chinook Winds employees join other Lincoln City residents and businesses in decorating trees to help raise money for Angels Anonymous.