

Championship Title Fights Scheduled for Commotion at the Ocean V – Back to Back

Professional boxing returns to Oregon with twice the tenacity at Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center's Commotion at the Ocean V – Back to Back.

That's because Goossen Tutor Promotions is bringing to the casino two top-ranked boxing events on two consecutive nights, June 3-4. Each will be internationally televised, live on Showtime (*ShoBox: The New Generation*) and FOX Sports Net (*Sunday Night Fights*), respectively.

Celebrities of the boxing world will be present for this double shot of non-stop action. Boxing legends Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini will attend Chinook Winds' premiere sporting event. He's remembered as one of the great fighters of the 1980s. He retired in 1993 with a record of 29-5, 23 KOs.

To "separate the men from the boys," both nights of fights will be emceed by Amy Hayes, the first female announcer in the professional boxing world.

Each night will include six boxing bouts, with a championship title on the line each evening.

June 3

The action starts on June 3 with featherweight sensation Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero (12-0-1, 5 KOs) pitted against former world champion Enrique Sanchez (30-2-4, 21 KOs). Ranked by *USA Today* as one of the top prospects to watch in 2004, Guerrero most recently KO'd former world champion Juan "Polo" Perez on April 24.

Sanchez is sure to test the skills of the rising star. A 14-year veteran of the prize ring, the Mexico City native is a former NABF super bantamweight champion who won the WBA world 122-pound title in 1998. He's unbeaten since 2001.

In the evening's title fight, Jorge Martinez (11-1-1, 2 KOs) battles Juan Carlos Ramirez (33-5, 13 KOs) for the NABF featherweight championship.

Martinez has won nine consecutive fights, including the Hispanic World Boxing Association's 130-pound belt with a TKO over Victor Dominguez. A WBO intercontinental featherweight

champion, Ramirez is sure to make the fight a crowd-pleaser.

June 4

Professional boxing continues on June 4 with the NABF junior middleweight championship bout featuring two-time middleweight world champion Keith Holmes (39-3, 25 KOs) against Rodney Jones (33-3, 22 KOs).

A two-time former world champion at 160 pounds, Holmes moved to the 154-pound weight class in 2003 and promptly scored three impressive victories. In his most recent win in March, Holmes scored a decision victory over highly regarded Kuvanych Toygonbayev. Holmes is currently rated eighth in the world by the WBO.

Jones, currently ranked fifth in the world by the WBO, has his eyes on the junior middleweight crown as well. When Jones puts his NABF title on the line against Holmes, he knows that the winner will move even closer to that dream shot. Jones is riding a nine-fight winning streak, all knockouts.

The evening also includes a heavyweight bout between Malcolm Tann (10-1, 5 KOs), a national Golden Gloves champion from San Antonio, Texas, and Jason Gavern (5-0-1, 3 KOs), a Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion from Scranton.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$250. Doors to these boxing events open at 5:30 p.m., with the first match at approximately 6:45 p.m. Commotion at the Ocean is for ages 21 and over.

June 5

Great fights continue at Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center on June 5 with a live closed-circuit TV showing of the Oscar de la Hoya vs. Felix Sturm fight.

Fans can watch the fight on multiple large screens for just \$10. To cap off all the great boxing action, enjoy a fireworks extravaganza accompanied by Western Oregon University's Western Hemisphere Orchestra at 10 p.m.

For more information, please call 1-888-CHINOOK (244-6665) or visit www.chinookwindscasino.com.

Replica Vietnam Memorial Wall Scheduled for Lincoln City

The American Veteran's Traveling Tribute, with a 4/5-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will arrive in Lincoln City this month.

The exhibit will be assembled on June 9 and on display from June 10-13 in the upper parking lot at Chinook Winds Casino. Throughout the wall's visit to Lincoln City, various events will be held to honor and remember the veterans of all wars.

This display is open to the public and free of charge.

Through the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association (OVMA), a special cavalcade has been arranged to accompany the wall into Lincoln City. Starting at the Oregon/California border, OVMA members will ride alongside, escorting the wall. As it passes through a town (Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, etc.) that area's chapter will take over the ride. When the procession reaches Salem, dozens of OVMA Portland/Salem members will escort The Wall from I-5 to the coast.

The Wall is the centerpiece of the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute, standing eight feet high at the center and spanning 378 feet. Like the memorial in Washington, D.C., the 58,235 names

are engraved (not silk screened) and listed by casualty date. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with etchings of particular name(s). The Wall also has the most recently updated list of names to match those added to the original.

Originally slated for permanent display in Florida, the memorial's presence was requested by 70 different communities around the country before it was even off the drawing board. It was decided that it would travel for one year – that was in 1995.

The building of The Wall was funded by donations. No government money was accepted and there are no paid employees, only volunteers. It was constructed by The Habitat Company of Tempe, Ariz., which traditionally builds Marriott resorts.

The Habitat Company was the sixth company to be approached with the project. The previous five turned it down because it was too time-consuming. The compilation of the names took almost a full year, employing four people and a professional typesetter. The manufacturing of The Wall took more than seven months and five months were spent on engraving the initial names.

Free Sunday Concerts Continue

Sundays are traditionally a time for lounging and enjoying the day, and what better way to relish the day than with a free concert.

On one Sunday each month, Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center will present a live concert that's free to the public and open to all ages. All concerts in this series begin at 2 p.m. in the Chinook Winds Convention Center.

Each performance will be from a Western Oregon University musical group of students and staff. To say thanks to the school, Chinook Winds will donate to that group's fund-raising foundation.

Before WOU's summer break, the Early Music Consort will appear June 20. This collection of instrumentalists and vocalists will perform music from 16th century Spain, including Diego Ortiz; 17th century Germany, including Heinrich Schutz; and late-17th century Italy, including Archangelo Corelli.

This rare musical group in the Northwest will use its Chinook Winds donation to help purchase a much-needed instrument, a 17th century treble viol, bow, and case.

In April, the Western Hemisphere Orchestra performed. The Chinook Winds donation helped the band record an end-of-the-year CD.

The May concert featured the Western Symphony Orchestra. Chinook Winds' donation helped cover the costs of the orchestra's year-end performance.

Plans for next school year's Sunday Concerts by the Sea already are under way. The WOU Chamber Singers, Western Rebellion, and an array of other groups are all eager to display their talents to music lovers and those who just want to relax on a Sunday afternoon.

For more details on this and other events, please call 1-888-CHINOOK or visit www.chinookwindscasino.com.