

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT



Lee Ann Womack

Lee Ann Womack Brings Country Hit Songs Back to the Coast

Lee Ann Womack and her legendary country voice are coming to Chinook Winds. This multi-Grammy winner is making headlines everywhere, so you won't want to miss her performances June 20-21.

Somewhere between the blush of a new love and the bruises of a broken heart lies real life and real country music. Womack is a lifelong student of this reality, majoring in Jones and Wynette and graduating with honors, with the tender, yet tough spirit of musicians like Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn.

There's More Where That Came From, the follow-up to her 2004 *Greatest Hits* collection, is for everyone who's ever loved, lost, learned hard-earned lessons and lived to tell about them, including the singer herself.

"These are songs that aren't afraid to tell the truth," says Womack. "It is definitely honest music as far as the lyrics go. They're a slice of life – the good, bad and the ugly."

It's not an accident that the album's first single, *I May Hate Myself in the Morning*, sounds simultaneously like a classic country cheatin' song and a contemporary breath of fresh air.

"This is the kind of stuff I grew up listening to," says the daughter of an east Texas country deejay who practically wore out her father's vinyl records soaking up every vocal lick and turn of a phrase like a sponge.

"Even when I was younger, I had an old soul. I chose these kinds of songs early on in my career but, if anything, I'm more able to relate to these kinds of lyrics more now than before," says the woman whose 2000 single *I Hope You Dance* made her known worldwide.

Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets range from \$25 to \$40.

Top Comedians Vie for Laughs at Northwest Comedy Competition

On June 12-15, the laughter from Chinook Winds will be heard throughout Oregon at the second Northwest Comedy Competition.

Thirty-six up-and-coming comedians will do their best to woo the judges with their best standup material. Besides being known as the winner of the 2008 Northwest Comedy Competition, they'll also compete for cash prizes.

Jack Mayberry, the first winner of this competition, will host the four-day competition. Mayberry not only is a crowd favorite at Comedy on the Coast, but also has been seen on TV shows like *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* and *Jay Leno*, *Evening at the Improv*, *Comic Strip Live* and many more. Co-producer Kenny Bob Davis also will help host the four-day event.

June 12 will be host to the first 12 comics of the 36 entered. As part of the experience, Barton Howe, a local high school journalism teacher and newspaper columnist, will be fulfilling a life-long dream of becoming a comedian.

Howe will perform live on stage after two months of coaching from various comedians. The audience will see this

young funnyman take the stage in hopes of making people laugh – and possibly walking away with the title of champion.

Each comic will be judged in five separate categories: performance, material, originality, likeability and audience response. The 36 comics will be grouped by an impartial, random, overall draw into three separate groups. Audience voting and a judges panel will determine the top comics for the event.

On June 12-13, rounds one through three of the competition will take place. The final round on June 15 at 4 p.m. will include the 10 top-scoring comedians bringing out their best punch lines and anecdotes for 10 minutes each.

From this last grouping, the winners will be decided and the cash prizes awarded. After four days of intense (and hilarious) competition, one comedian will stand on the stage, proud and victorious, as the Northwest Comedy Competition champion.

Tickets for the opening night show or for each individual round are \$10. A full event pass good for all six shows is available for \$50. This is an age-21-and-over event. Doors will open 30



Barton Howe

minutes before each show. There will be a no-host bar.

Competition Schedule

Round One	June 12-7 p.m.
Round Two & Three	June 13-7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Semi-Finals	June 14-7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Finals	June 15-4 p.m.

News Notes

by Teresa Simmons

- The hotel swimming pool and sauna has a whole new look. It's been repainted and refurbished.
- The west side of the hotel will have a new coat of paint as soon as the weather breaks.
- Wi-fi Internet access is available at all convention and meeting rooms and will be available in all hotel facilities by mid-summer.
- The storage building at the golf course will be completed by the time this issue of the *Siletz News* is printed.
- The gift shop is being redesigned.
- Child care is working with the Sales Department to advertise the facility for use by wedding guests and convention attendees.
- The newly formulated wedding packages are resulting in more weddings than ever being booked at Chinook Winds.
- The new bridge over the wetlands at the golf course is nearly complete. It's visible from the highway and looks really nice.
- All of the sand traps at the golf course are being filled with white silica sand. It makes a beautiful contrast to the green.
- Bret Lucich, a local musician with a large following, is now appearing weekly at the hotel lounge.
- Aces revenue is up from last year and is said to have the best breakfast in town!
- All Chinook Winds directors, managers and supervisors are participating in a mandatory team leadership training conducted in-house.
- Chinook Winds employees are once again taking part in a casino-wide fitness challenge.
- New slots on the floor in June will include Indiana Jones, Deal or No Deal and The Sopranos.

Join Wine Lovers Dream Dinner

Join us at Chinook Winds on June 29 for an extraordinary evening of fine vintages paired with a six-course meal skillfully prepared and presented by Chef de Cuisine, Brenda Friedrich.

Every course will be paired with wine from King Estates Winery. A place at the table costs just \$60 and seats are limited to the first 30 guests.

To make this evening even more special, Charles Suniga will perform in a relaxed style, setting the mood for an evening of fine dining and wine tasting.

The dinner will be served in the Molalla and Sixes rooms of the convention center and doors will open at 4:30 p.m. The dining presentations begin at 5 p.m.

Every guest will receive a pair of commemorative wine glasses from King Estates and a commemorative menu, plus one lucky guest will win a limousine wine tour for four to King Estates Winery and dinner at the Rogue River Steakhouse.

Free Monthly Senior Slot Tournament

Chinook Winds thanks sniors for playing with a free "Young at Heart" monthly slot tournament on the first Tuesday of every month. Winner's Circle members age 55 and up are invited to win a share of \$2,400 in cash prizes.

Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. for Session 1. Consolation finals are at 12:30 p.m. and the winners' final round is at 12:45 p.m.

Sign-up begins at 1 p.m. for Session 2. The consolation finals round is at 4:30 p.m. and the winners' final round at 4:45 p.m. Seniors can play in only one session per month.

Rounds take place every 15 minutes beginning at 9:30. Entry is on a first-come, first-play basis. Tournament is limited to the first 144 participants.

