

# Chinook Winds rolls out red carpet for several New Year's Eve parties

New Year's Eve will be here before you know it and Chinook Winds Casino Resort is ringing in the New Year with a party for everyone! Dressed to the nines or casual, you are certain find a party just for you.

The casino floor will be full of excitement as party hats and favors will be passed out throughout the evening. To kick off Chinook Winds' 20 years in business, New Year's guests have an opportunity to win a share of \$20,000 in cash.

Five lucky winners will be drawn at 11:15 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2014, and again at 12:15 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2015, for a chance at their share of \$20K! Complete rules and how to earn entries can be found at chinookwindscasino.com or at Player Services.

Party band Five Guys Named Moe will play a variety of dance music in the convention center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. This is free and open to those age 21 and older.

At the Rogue River Lounge, DJ Metal will spin songs from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets for this party are \$20 and include party hat, favors and a champagne toast at midnight.

Seating for dinner in the Rogue River Lounge is from 5-9 p.m. and will close for one hour between dinner service and the party.

Party for free at Aces Sports Bar & Grill at Chinook Winds Golf Resort starting at 9 p.m. with the sounds of Much More Country. Or join the band Cadillacs for Everyone at Chinook's Seafood Grill from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For those who hope to start the New Year off with a big win, there's New Year's Eve Bingo with cash drawings all evening. Buy-in includes holiday dinner buffet, party favors and noisemakers.

Dinner buffet will be served from 4:15-6 p.m., with the first session starting at 7:30 p.m. The buy-in is \$100 until 10 p.m. on Dec. 30. Door sales begin at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve for \$125.

While mom and dad party at the resort, kids can have some fun at Chinook Winds Play Palace and Arcade! This party is for children age 3-11 who are potty trained.

Children 12 and older are welcome in the arcade. The party is from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$30 in advance and \$35 on New Year's Eve.

To the editor:

## Siletz Voting Procedures

In three months, we will again vote to elect individuals to represent Tribal members on council. I made a suggestion a few years ago about making changes to our Tribal Council structure and voting procedures.

The reason I propose this is to provide a true representative Tribal Council. Currently we have three area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene. I propose that we change our current structure in which we choose two persons from each area office.

This would mean that the Portland area would choose two people to represent them on Tribal Council. Salem would choose two, Eugene would choose two and Siletz would choose two people. This would make eight Tribal Council. The last remaining council position would be chosen by the Tribal members who live outside the 11-county service area.

This would provide a true representative government. All of the Tribe's service areas would be represented, plus out-of-area Tribal members.

While representation is the main goal, this method would also ensure that the individual representing each area would be familiar with the problems facing the Tribal members in their area and would be better able to ensure that those issues would be presented properly and coherently.

I am assuming that this will take at least a year to get enough Tribal members on board and to clarify the voting procedures.

There are some issues which need to be clarified, such as rotation of council members, voting procedures for each area office and determining geographical voting areas. Also, we need to get enough signatures to get this idea on either a special elections ballot or on the regular voting cycle.

To facilitate this process, I have created a Facebook page called "Siletz Voting." You can access it via my Facebook page or just do a Facebook Search for it.

Initially, I have made it a member-only page, so you will have to click on the "join" link and then you would be accepted into the group. This page would be for the discussion about changing the voting process and a process to obtain enough Tribal member support for change.

If you have questions you can write me at Ray Blacketer, 151 Chetco Ct.; or email me at rblacketer@yahoo.com; or find me on Facebook and leave an email there. You can also call me at 541-992-9799.

Thank you.  
Ray Blacketer

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

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