

2002 Casino Revenue Distribution

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution allocating the distribution of 25 percent of the Casino revenue to Tribal members through the Member Benefits department.

Distribution Date: December 12, 2002

■ **Eligibility:** In order to receive a per-capita payment, you must be living as of January 1, 2002, and an enrolled member of the Tribe as of December 5, 2002. This means that anyone born after January 1, 2002 will not be eligible for a per-capita payment for 2002. A check will be automatically generated for members 18 years of age on December 12, 2002. Per-capita payments for those members under the age of 18 will be distributed into their trust accounts. The amount is not yet determined and we will not have that information until the first week of December.

■ **No Request form required for this distribution.**

■ **Address & Social Security Number:** If you have changed your address or have other permanent changes please contact: Member Benefits Department 1-800-422-0232; Liz Leno ext. 2082, Amy Whisler ext. 2223, or Hollie Larsen ext. 2490. We **CANNOT** distribute a check without a Social Security Number, and this includes minors' distribution. **The deadline for changes is November 30.**

■ **Checks may be picked up at the Governance Center on December 12, 2002, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.** Any checks not picked up that day will be mailed to the address we have on file on December 12, 2002. Due to the fact the BIA approves the plan so late in the year, automatic deposit of per-capita payments is not possible for 2002. It is the intention of the program to have automatic deposits available for 2003.

■ **Payments from the Casino revenues are subject to federal, and where applicable, state income taxes.** Tribal members are responsible for any tax due as a result of this payment.

Per-capita Cashing Policy at Spirit Mountain Casino

As December draws near we would like to inform all Tribal members of the process that has been initiated at the casino for you to cash your checks with the greatest amount of speed and efficiency; including the identification that will be required.

The cage has set up the first four windows in the Island Cage for your convenience in order to simplify the handling of checks for all Tribal members on the day checks become available. These windows will be ready to assist you in the cashing of your checks quickly and easily. The Island Cage is the cage located directly across from the Security Podium.

Please bring valid photo ID such as your Tribal ID card or a Drivers License.

All minors will need to check in with the Security Podium before going to the cage to cash their check. Small children will need to remain in the lobby.

If you have any questions or need any further information please contact Scott Mode, Cage Manager at 503-879-2350 ext. 3922; Gina Bjelajac, Cage Assistant Manager ext. 3735; or Becky Thomas, Vault Supervisor ext. 3281.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I am still receiving *Smoke Signals* which you very kindly send to me but I have only just got round to reading September 1st edition and the main article was about your pow-wow.

I've got to say the photos of the pow-wow are absolutely stunning and I wish with all my heart I could have been there to see it for myself. The dancers looked magnificent and the music and atmosphere must have been out of this world.

I attend pow-wows in this country, but it's a dream of mine to come to America and go to one there.

Thank you so much for brightening my day.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Hewitt

Burnley, England

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Attention: Tribal Members & Employees With BC/BS Of Oregon Insurance

It has come to the attention of the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center that BC/BS of Oregon may be sending payments to the patients rather than to the Health & Wellness Center. At this time we do not have all the contracts in place with BC/BS of Oregon for Dr. Wilbert James. Until these processes are complete, BC/BS PPO will be sending the payments for services we provided to the patient. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to bring the check into the facility and sign it over to us. When you registered for healthcare, you authorized all insurance benefits for services rendered to the facility.

If you have any questions with regards to this, please feel free to call the billing department at 1-800-775-0095.



Photo by Ron Karten

Live Music at Spirit Mountain Casino — Grand Ronde Tribal member Steve Hudson (far left), who is part of the musical group "Blues By Choice," belts out a rockin' blues riff to an appreciative crowd in the Summit View lounge located next to Legends Restaurant in Spirit Mountain Casino.

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