

# IGR President and CEO Message

On behalf of management and staff at Indigenous Gaming Regulators (IGR), have a safe and happy holiday season. This has been a particularly successful year at IGR. I am happy to report that we have now licensed 78.5 percent of the active charities on the Grandfathered Bingo List and that over 90 percent of charitable gaming on reserves continues to be licensed. We now license four of the five Class A Bingo Halls operating on reserves within the jurisdiction of the agreements endorsed by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chiefs-in-Assembly.

We at IGR are pleased that we are able to assist First Nations communities with their efforts to fundraise for

Christmas projects and worthy causes year round. I offer my most profuse thank you to all of those volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that First Nations communities are able to help out those less fortunate. On-reserve charities sponsor projects that ensure participation in minor sports and cultural retention for children and youth as well as assistance with projects for community infrastructure and general community well-being.

I look forward to a 2012 that meets and exceeds all of the expectations of our First Nations leaders past and present for IGR as an innovator in licensing and regulation of on-reserve charitable gaming.



IGR President & CEO  
Gregory Ahenakew

## Update on Licensing

As of November 30, 2011 the Licensing Department has received 665 applications for licenses. IGR has issued 582 licenses since April 1, 2007. Seventy Eight (78) files were closed due to voluntary withdrawal (no longer wanted to pursue licensing), or denied. This fiscal year one hundred nine (109) Licenses were issued and 6 applications are currently under review. The breakdown of the licenses issued is as per the attached table.

Funds raised through any form of licensed charitable gaming are eligible for a provincial government grant which is equivalent to 25% of the 'net proceeds'. 'Net Proceeds' is the amount set aside for charitable objects or purposes after the amount paid in prizes and other event expenses have been deducted from the gross revenue.

From time to time, charities may need assistance with reporting and we remind you that we have staff in our organization that can assist you in this regard. To make an appointment with our Training Officer, please call (306) 477-5700.



Charitable Gaming On-Reserve As of November 30/11

License Type	Issued Since April '07	Issued 2011/12	Under Review
Bingo	326	70	4
Breakopen	161	22	1
Raffle	28	6	1
Municipal Raffle	13	3	0
Monte Carlo	0	0	0
Texas Hold'em	24	2	0



# Gaming Rules!

## 2011 IGR Christmas Card Contest Held at One Arrow First Nation

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Each year, students at a selected school are asked to submit their original Christmas artwork to IGR. The students that participate in the contest submit artwork that illustrates what Christmas means to them in their culture.

This year, IGR partnered with the Almighty Voice Education Centre at One Arrow First Nation for our Annual Christmas Card Contest. The school accommodates the youth of their community from kindergarten to grade 12. One Arrow is a Cree First Nation and the reserve is located close to Batoche, Saskatchewan near the South Saskatchewan River about 100 km Northeast of Saskatoon.

We were treated to tipis decorated with Christmas lights in traditional Aboriginal patterns to images of Santa eating bannock and tea on Christmas Eve instead of the traditional milk and cookies. The judges chose the artwork of

Sunrise Ballantyne, Oasha Witchekan, Tamara Almightyvoice, and Raquel Roy for the Christmas cards this year.

The pieces of the original artwork were framed at Scoles Fine Art and Framing and presented to the school for keepsakes. IGR also presented the school with a donation for special projects, gift cards for the winners and participation gifts for all of the children.

Host First Nations communities in the past include Kawacatoose, Kinistin and Wahpeton. Inner-city schools that served as past hosts were St. John's, St. Mary's and St. Goretti. IGR wishes to thank the families and staff of Almighty Voice Education Centre for their enthusiastic participation in our 2011 Christmas Card Contest and looks forward to future partnerships with host schools that serve to strengthen our corporate image while helping the communities.



Artwork of Oasha Witchekan of Almighty Voice Education Center

# First Nations Community Profile: Canoe Lake First Nation



The Canoe Lake Cree Nation (CLCN) emerged from the signing of Treaty 10 by Chief John Iron on September 19, 1906 in Île-à-la-Crosse. CLCN is north of the Meadow Lake Provincial Park and surrounded by Boreal Forest that is rich in wildlife. The area provides an excellent opportunity to develop the eco-tourism industry. The lakes in the area are well stocked with fish that provide opportunities for both commercial fishing by community members and fishing for tourism.

CLCN administration office, Canoe Lake School and Canoe Lake Health Centre provide First Nation members with employment. The local wild rice industry and fire suppression also provides seasonal employment. There are two member-owned general stores/gas stations and a cafe. The Canoe Lake West Resort and the Little Lake Wood Industry is owned

by the CLCN and provides local employment in the tourism and forestry industries. CLCN is governed by a Chief and six Councillors who are elected for two-year terms and are assigned portfolio responsibilities in order to streamline administrative and political functions. The Chief and Council set goals and objectives for the community and direct administrative and finance staff.

CLCN has facilities for programs and services designed to meet the current needs of the membership. The Canoe Lake Alcohol/Drug Abuse Program is a key element to the health and welfare of community members. Canoe Lake School provides educational programs from K – 12. There is a RCMP detachment on-site staffed by two RCMP officers who provide security for CLCN. First Nation members have acquired a number of skills from education, work experience in forestry, and commercial fishing that contributes to year-round work as well as seasonal employment.

CLCN has the largest registered membership within the Meadow Lake Tribal Council. As of November 2010 CLCN had a total registered membership of 2,030 with 949 members residing on-reserve and 1,081 members residing at locations off-reserve. The CLCN continues to work toward economic development that will help to achieve their goal of a self-sustaining community and seek new opportunities to expand their investment portfolio.

Artwork of Raquel Roy

Almighty Voice Education Center



# Gaming in Other Jurisdictions: North Pole Alaska

In this segment of *Gaming In Other Jurisdictions* we will focus on the *Tanana Valley Youth Sport Foundation Inc.* (TVYSF) in Fairbanks, Alaska, USA. Fairbanks is located just 18 miles north of the town North Pole, Alaska which claims to be the home town of none other than Santa Claus!

*The Tanana Valley Youth Sports Foundation* was founded in 1988 as an offset of Fairbanks Youth Sports Inc.. The Foundation is funded by permit holders for State of Alaska sanctioned games of gambling; as well as monthly voluntary contributions from bingo and pull-tab (break-opens) games being played at Youth Sports Bingo in Fairbanks. It has been rumored that in his spare time Santa Claus occasionally attends a bingo event in Fairbanks dressed in plain clothing. However, Mrs. Claus is an avid bingo player and has been noticed frequently throughout the northern bingo circuit.

TVYSF concentrates on any and all organizations supporting youth activities in an area of

Interior and Northern Alaska. Their gaming jurisdiction is bounded by the Alaska Range to the south, the Canadian border to the east, the Arctic Ocean to the north, and Norton Sound to the west. All of which are herding lands for Santa's Reindeer!

TVYSF is not expected to provide distributions to individuals but it does provide grants to organizations. Restrictions and limitations on such grants are strictly dependent upon the validity and viability of the organization receiving the support. While the Foundation does not have hard and fast distribution rules, it is generally accepted the Foundation guidelines will favor strong durable projects.

*Tanana Valley Youth Sports Foundation Inc.* takes great pride in supporting hard working volunteer efforts of Alaskans as they make interior and northern Alaska a better place to live, work, and play through world class youth sports programs and facilities.

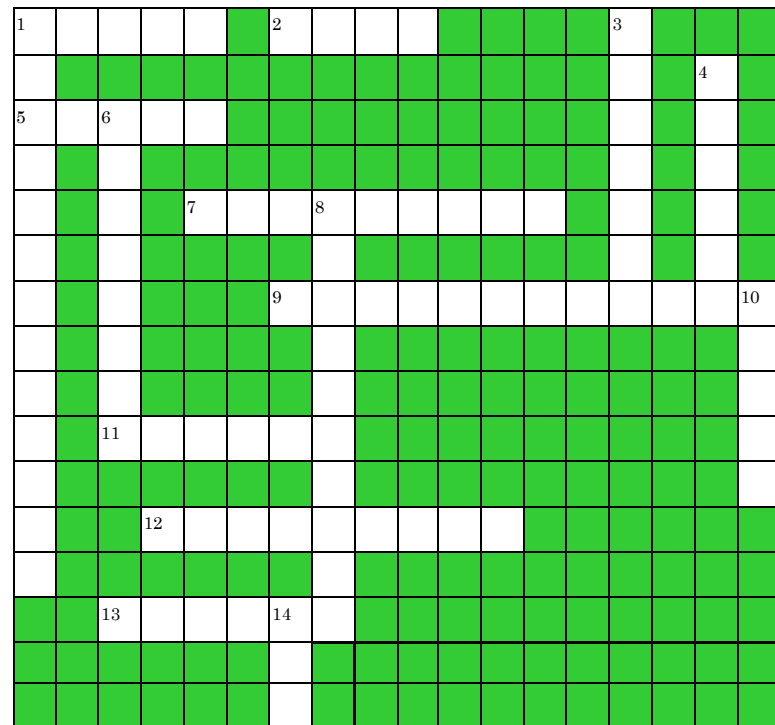
Artwork of Tamara Almightyvoice

Almighty Voice Education Center



## Win IGR Gear!

All crossword puzzle answers are found in this issue of *Gaming Rules!*  
Send your completed puzzles to: #400—203 Packham Ave.  
Saskatoon, SK, S7N 4K5



### ACROSS

1. Christmas Card Contest was hosted by One \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Canoe \_\_\_\_\_ First Nation
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas!
7. Artwork of Oasha \_\_\_\_\_. (on the first page)
9. One Arrow First Nation is located near the South \_\_\_\_\_ River.
11. Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Opikokew
12. Youth Sport Bingo is located in what Alaskan town?
13. Regulate The \_\_\_\_\_ To Preserve The Past

### DOWN

1. Artwork of Tamara \_\_\_\_\_ is located on page 5.
3. Artwork of \_\_\_\_\_ Ballyntine is located on page 4
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Valley Youth Sports Foundation
6. Rudolph the Red Nosed \_\_\_\_\_.
8. IGR licenses and regulates on-reserve \_\_\_\_\_ gaming.
10. Santa Claus is from the \_\_\_\_\_ Pole?
14. Artwork of Raquel \_\_\_\_\_ is located on page 2

Artwork of

Sunrise  
Ballantyne

Almighty  
Voice  
Education  
Center



## IGR Board Chair Message: Vice Chief Bobby Cameron

Greetings on behalf of the Indigenous Gaming Regulators (IGR) and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. The holiday season is upon us once again. We are pleased to note that IGR licensed charities have contributed to happy holiday seasons for many First Nations communities through their fundraising efforts.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the students, families and staff at Almighty Voice Education Centre at One Arrow First Nation for hosting the IGR 2011 Christmas Card Contest. The talented young individuals expressed themselves and reminded the staff at IGR of how Christmas looks through the eyes of children and youth. My personal congratulations go out to the artists whose work graces our Christmas Cards: Sunrise Ballantyne, Tamara Almighty-voice, Oasha Witchekan and Raquel Roy.

As First Nations evolve towards full jurisdiction over gaming, IGR will continue to serve our communities through the licensing and regulation of Bingos, Breakopens, Raffles, Texas Hold'em, Monte Carlo and SIGA Table Games. Thank You for your continued support and Miyo Manitou Kisikaw.



## IGR Board Member Chief Robert Opikokew

The Indigenous Gaming Regulators would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Chief Robert Opikokew to the IGR Board of Directors.

Chief Opikokew is the newest member to join the IGR team as a Board Member of IGR representing the Meadow Lake Tribal Council.

We look forward to Chief Opikokew's valuable guidance and direction on behalf of his constituents.

