



# GAMING RULES!

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## NEW TO CHARITABLE GAMING!

### TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENTS AND MONTE CARLO EVENTS

As of July 1, 2006 Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments and Monte Carlo events are part of Charitable Gaming in Saskatchewan

Bingo has been the mainstay for charitable gaming in our communities over the years. However, with the rise in popularity of poker across North America, the demand for hosting charitable poker tournaments has grown.

In response to this, we have adopted a standard set of

rules and guidelines for holding Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

Charities can operate up to 25 tables at a maximum of ten players per table. Rules regarding dealing, formats and disputes are in place so these events can be a fun and safe way to raise money for charities.

We have also developed guidelines for running Monte Carlo events. Monte Carlo events are simply the charitable operation

of a blackjack and/or Wheel of Fortune games. Every player starts with an equal amount of play money or chips. Towards the end of the event, players use accumulated play money or chips to buy prize draw tickets or to bid on prizes in an auction.

A charity may host up to 12 Poker and/or Monte Carlo events per year.

Please contact IGR if you need further information about such events.

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Welcome to Julieta Uribe Luna who is IGR's newest staff member. Julieta is IGR's new Policy Analyst.

IGR's Annual Report is complete. Look for it in your band office or the lobby of any FSIN institution. Copies are also available from IGR's front desk.

IGR's website is [www.igr.ca](http://www.igr.ca) - please visit to find out more information about IGR. From time to time IGR has career opportunities posted on the website.

## GRANTS FOR CHARITABLE GAMING

All licensed charitable gaming entities will soon be eligible for a grant from the provincial government. Charitable gaming consists of:

- Bingo events;
- Breakopen tickets;
- Raffles;
- Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments; or
- Monte Carlo events.

Charities will receive this grant based on the net proceeds from each charitable gaming event that they operate if they have acquired a licence from IGR or SLGA, and have submitted their required accounting paperwork.

"Net Proceeds" from an event means the amount of money the charity makes once all prizes and expenses are paid.

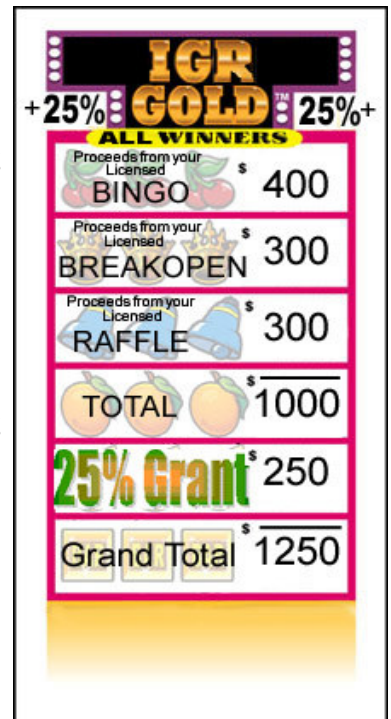
Charitable groups do not have to apply for this grant. They

just need to submit the reports required by their licence. The grant amount will be 25% of the net proceeds of the licensed charitable gaming activities, and will be issued on a quarterly basis. Wherever applicable, charities will receive the grant funds for multiple events in one lump-sum.

Grants will be issued continually for charitable gaming events as long as charities are in good standing with their license issuer, and upon verification of the financial reports.

These grants will help reward groups and organizations for the hard work and service they are performing for our communities. They will compensate charities for the significant decline in revenues as a result of the introduction of VLT's and casinos in this province.

#### GRANT CALCULATION EXAMPLE



You may wish to contact IGR for the details on conducting a charitable gaming event or for more details about receiving a grant.

## **TRIBAL CHIEF GILBERT PANIPEKEESICK IGR BOARD MEMBER PROFILE**

Tribal Chief Panipekeesick is a past Chief of the Sakimay First Nation in the Treaty Four Territory of southern Saskatchewan. He served one term as councillor at Sakimay before being elected as Chief for three consecutive terms. Mr. Panipekeesick was elected as Tribal Chief for the Yorkton Tribal Council in October 2004.

While holding office as Chief of Sakimay, Gilbert dedicated himself to protecting the First

Nation's jurisdiction in the Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority flooding claim negotiations and developing accountability standards in governance. Gilbert continues to place strong emphasis on governance development at the Yorkton Tribal Council by securing additional resources to continue this work. As an elected leader, Gilbert believes in following the vision and values of his predecessors, the earlier Chiefs of Sakimay First Nation.

Currently, Tribal Chief Panipekeesick is a member of the FSIN gaming jurisdiction team, and serves as alternate representative for YTC at the FSIN commissions.

Tribal Chief Panipekeesick currently lives on the Sakimay First Nation with his partner Lynn Acoose and daughter Riella. Gilbert is a proud father of six children and has ten grandchildren. He attributes overcoming his early struggles in life to his family and the teachings of his grandfather Felix Panipekeesick.



**Tribal Chief  
Gilbert Panipekeesick**

## **THE SAKIMAY FIRST NATION**

Chief Sakimay (Sah-kee-may) and his Saulteaux followers adhered to Treaty 4 at Fort Ellice on September 21, 1874 under the omnibus group known as Waywayseecappo. Sah-kee-may's reserve formed part of the western boundary of the Crooked Lake reserves. Members of this band were the brothers and children of Chief Sah-kee-may with their families. The Sakimay reserve is located

16 km northeast of Grenfell and is the most populated portion of the First Nation's reserve lands which include Sakimay, Sheesheep, Little Bone/Minoachak and numerous rural and urban parcels acquired under Sakimay First Nation's Specific Land Claim.

Sakimay First Nation was a leader in First Nations casino development in the Yorkton Tribal Council, with the first on-

reserve casino site. Primary economic endeavors include commercial leases, cottage lot and agricultural leases, a community pasture operation and Saulteaux Junction and Goose Lake gas and convenience stores. Sakimay continues to pursue governance development based upon traditional principles.

Sakimay's total population is approximately 1360.

## **YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Yorkton Tribal Council (YTC) represents the Cote, Kahkewistahaw, Keeseekoosew, Key, Ocean Man and Sakimay First Nations. The Tribal Council offices are located and situated on Sakimay First Nation's urban land base in the city of Yorkton. It is the representing Tribal Council of the Painted Hand

Casino. The Painted Hand Casino proudly hosts its annual pow-wow every spring. Come winter time, the YTC hosts WinterFest. This is a social, recreational and family event that brings together Aboriginal people from various regions of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta to celebrate First Na-

tions/Aboriginal athleticism, and community spirit. Recent priorities of the YTC include the revitalization of its governance and policy structures with the aim of developing a strong foundation for future leadership.

## **BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

First Nations may appoint IGR to carry out the administrative task of Licensing and Regulating charitable gaming on their lands. This is done by signing a Band Council Resolution (BCR) delegating this task to IGR. Of the 75 First Nations in Saskatchewan IGR has received 67 BCRs.



Students from Sakimay's Goose Lake School Graduation 2006



Sakimay's Governance Center on left and Health Center on right

## A MESSAGE FROM THE IGR CHAIRMAN VICE CHIEF LAWRENCE JOSEPH

I am pleased to report that Indigenous Gaming Regulators Inc. has technically reached an agreement-in-principle with Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) on the terms and conditions under which we will undertake licensing and regulating of on-reserve charitable gaming. The IGR Board of Directors has reviewed the terms and has approved them in principle.

It is, however, crucial that IGR Member Chiefs carefully scrutinize this document prior to any final agreement. We have two specific goals in mind when we

review the work IGR has done. First, we will ensure that IGR has done everything possible to guarantee First Nations have the best conditions regarding charitable gaming in their communities. Moreover, we will ensure that this document is in the spirit of recognizing our treaty and inherent rights as First Nations people.

No First Nation anywhere in Canada has ever been this close to determining their own destiny in the field of gaming regulation. It is

through the dedication and persistence of First Nations leaders, past and present, that we have reached this point.

I would like to thank the IGR Board of Directors for their work in reaching this agreement-in-principle, and also extend thanks to all the Chiefs, Councilors and individuals who took the time to provide IGR with feedback and direction on the terms and conditions.



FSIN Vice Chief  
Lawrence Joseph

## FSIN SPRING ASSEMBLY

MAY 30TH AND 31ST, 2006

Indigenous Gaming Regulators communications staff were in Prince Albert to attend the Spring Session of the FSIN Legislative Assembly. The event was held at The Art Hauser Centre and attended by First Nations leaders and membership from across the province. National

Chief Phil Fontaine spoke at the assembly to announce the government of Canada's approval of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

IGR, as an institution of the FSIN, attempts to stay in con-

tact with Saskatchewan First Nations in the province by setting up the IGR booth at FSIN gatherings. We aim to ensure that all stakeholders have access to all of our updates and information on charitable gaming.

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

SIGA celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In recognition of their dedication to SIGA for the last 10 years, 143 employees were acknowledged for a decade of service at a supper at the TCU Centre on June 23. SIGA employs over 1200 people in the province.



## "ONLY A MATTER OF TIME"

JUNE 21ST & 22ND, 2006

Indigenous Gaming Regulators communications staff were also on hand in Saskatoon for the "Only a Matter of Time" First Nations Water Summit. The conference was hosted by the FSIN, Lands and Resources Secretariat, and held at the Saskatoon Inn.

This unique two day event provided First Nations in Saskatchewan the opportunity to address and discuss concerns regarding water resources and climate change effects on water quality.

At the same time, it allowed participants to learn more about environmental practices from other jurisdictions, with a focus on developing partnerships. Many people including elders, leaders, educators and specialists voiced their opinions, and shared their knowledge on sustainable 'best practices.'

This event's success was built on the results from the initial conference in 2005

that showcased the need for First Nations people to become more involved in the environment. IGR looks forward to seeing you at the next "Only a Matter of Time" First Nations Water Summit.



IGR's Cory Alexson explains charitable gaming regulation to Councilor Craig Bighead at the "Only A Matter of Time" conference.



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**AN INVITATION FROM GREG AHENAKEW  
 IGR'S PRESIDENT AND CEO**

On behalf of IGR, I wish to invite you to our next phase of consultations with First Nations communities in Saskatchewan. These consultations will update First Nations citizens, leaders and other stakeholders in your communities on the latest developments at IGR. Primarily we would like to explain the details of the recent agreement-in-principle that will allow us to begin licensing and regulating charitable gaming upon ratification by the FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly.

We will be contacting First Nations leadership and those involved in charitable gaming to carry out this next step. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the process.

The FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly and First Nations leadership will be voting on the agreement at a future FSIN assembly. It is our hope that they give us their approval to start licensing your Bingos, Breakopens, Raffles, Poker Tournaments and Monte Carlo Events.



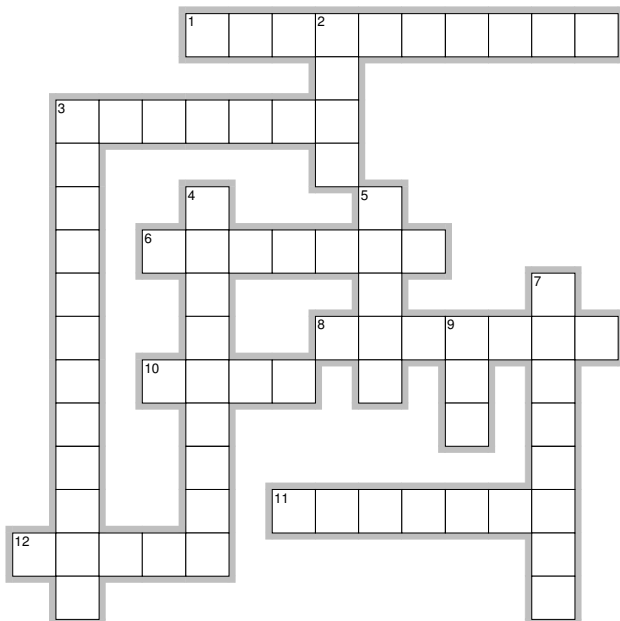
IGR President / CEO initialing the Licensing Agreement-in-Principle

**How can you participate?** You can call IGR's toll-free number at 1-877-477-4114 to schedule a workshop in your community, or you can call to get the dates of the workshops we have already arranged.

**IGR CROSSWORD CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to last issue's winners!

Send in your completed IGR crossword and we will enter it in a draw for over \$100.00 worth of IGR gear! All of the answers are contained in this newsletter.



**Across**

- 1.Event where blackjack and wheel of fortune are played to raise money for charities
- 3.IGR and FSIN are located in Saskatoon on \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue
- 6.Sakimay First Nation borders this lake
- 8.Tribal Chief Gilbert Panipekeesick is from this First Nation
- 10.Celebrated its 10th anniversary this year
- 11.Tribal Chief Panipekeesick is the leader of the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Council
- 12.Charities will soon be eligible for a 25% \_\_\_\_\_

**Down**

- 2."Only a Matter of \_\_\_\_"
- 3.City where the FSIN Spring Assembly was held
- 4.Greg Ahenakew is IGR's \_\_\_\_\_ and CEO
- 5.\_\_\_\_\_ Hold'em Poker
- 7.FSIN Vice Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph
- 9.Abb. of the regulatory body for First Nations Charitable Gaming