

# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

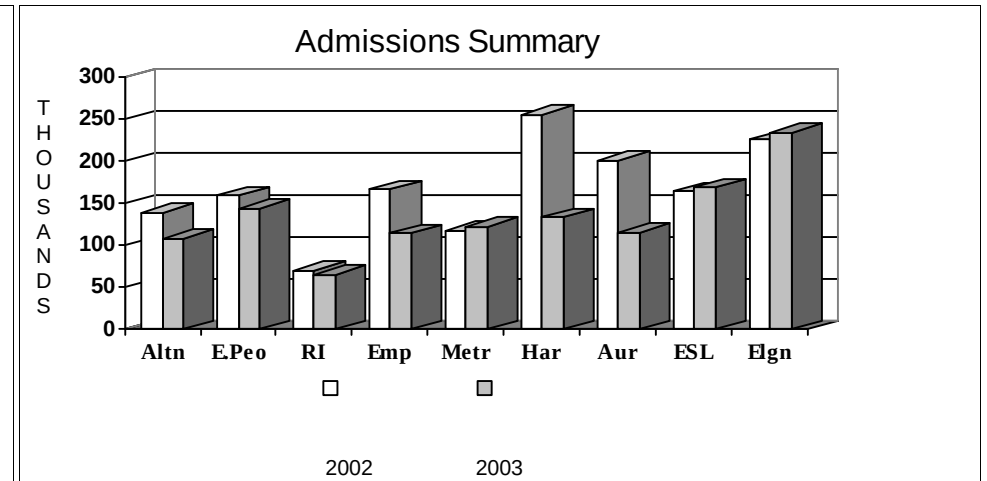
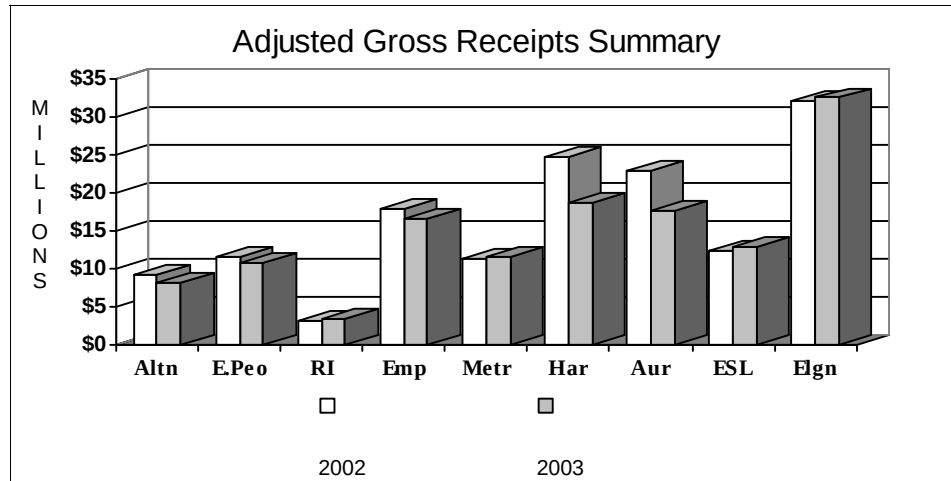
## Monthly Riverboat Casino Report

October, 2003

| Docksite          | Adjusted Gross Receipts (AGR) (000's) | Casino Square Feet | Admissions       | AGR Per Square Foot | AGR Per Admission | Tax Allocations (000's) |                |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|                   |                                       |                    |                  |                     |                   | Adm Tax + Wagering Tax  |                |
|                   |                                       |                    |                  |                     |                   | State Share             | Local Share    |
| Alton             | \$8,193                               | 23,000             | 108,763          | \$356               | \$75              | \$3,603                 | \$518          |
| East Peoria       | \$10,766                              | 26,116             | 143,849          | \$412               | \$75              | \$5,276                 | \$682          |
| Rock Island       | \$3,346                               | 17,200             | 66,042           | \$195               | \$51              | \$885                   | \$233          |
| Joliet - Empress  | \$16,623                              | 50,000             | 114,251          | \$332               | \$145             | \$7,823                 | \$945          |
| Metropolis        | \$11,579                              | 29,760             | 122,917          | \$389               | \$94              | \$5,579                 | \$702          |
| Joliet - Harrah's | \$18,652                              | 39,000             | 133,950          | \$478               | \$139             | \$8,929                 | \$1,067        |
| Aurora            | \$17,671                              | 41,384             | 115,583          | \$427               | \$153             | \$8,414                 | \$999          |
| E St Louis        | \$12,845                              | 27,500             | 168,683          | \$467               | \$76              | \$6,286                 | \$811          |
| Elgin             | \$32,483                              | 29,850             | 234,231          | \$1,088             | \$139             | \$22,051                | \$1,858        |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$132,158</b>                      | <b>283,810</b>     | <b>1,208,269</b> | <b>\$466</b>        | <b>\$109</b>      | <b>\$68,848</b>         | <b>\$7,816</b> |

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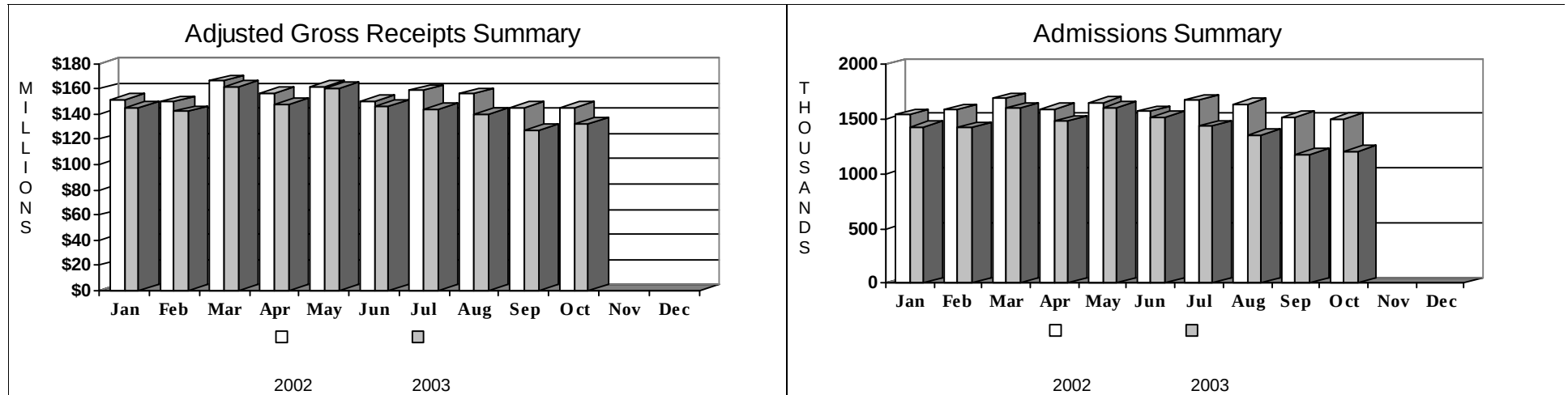
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Calendar Year-To-Date Through October, 2003

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                   |                                       |                    |                   |                     |                   | State Share                                       | Local Share     |
| Alton             | \$93,637                              | 20,810             | 1,257,721         | \$4,500             | \$74              | \$24,593                                          | \$5,940         |
| East Peoria       | \$116,756                             | 26,116             | 1,533,910         | \$4,471             | \$76              | \$33,983                                          | \$7,372         |
| Rock Island       | \$33,385                              | 17,200             | 667,824           | \$1,941             | \$50              | \$5,722                                           | \$2,337         |
| Joliet - Empress  | \$199,152                             | 41,760             | 1,742,841         | \$4,769             | \$114             | \$65,003                                          | \$11,700        |
| Metropolis        | \$112,822                             | 29,760             | 1,208,533         | \$3,791             | \$93              | \$32,083                                          | \$6,850         |
| Joliet - Harrah's | \$231,206                             | 39,000             | 2,093,533         | \$5,928             | \$110             | \$77,346                                          | \$13,654        |
| Aurora            | \$211,446                             | 41,384             | 1,685,033         | \$5,109             | \$125             | \$68,901                                          | \$12,257        |
| E St Louis        | \$132,051                             | 27,500             | 1,702,082         | \$4,802             | \$78              | \$40,381                                          | \$8,305         |
| Elgin             | \$315,970                             | 29,850             | 2,330,869         | \$10,585            | \$136             | \$128,151                                         | \$18,129        |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$1,446,426</b>                    | <b>273,380</b>     | <b>14,222,346</b> | <b>\$5,291</b>      | <b>\$102</b>      | <b>\$476,164</b>                                  | <b>\$86,544</b> |

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## Monthly Riverboat Casino Report

### October Comparison

|                   | AGR Comparison to Previous Month<br>(000's) |            |          |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Docksite          | Oct., 2003                                  | Sep., 2003 | % Change |
| Alton             | \$8,193                                     | \$8,027    | 2.07%    |
| East Peoria       | \$10,766                                    | \$10,402   | 3.50%    |
| Rock Island       | \$3,346                                     | \$3,129    | 6.92%    |
| Joliet - Empress  | \$16,623                                    | \$17,562   | -5.35%   |
| Metropolis        | \$11,579                                    | \$10,481   | 10.47%   |
| Joliet - Harrah's | \$18,652                                    | \$16,844   | 10.73%   |
| Aurora            | \$17,671                                    | \$18,147   | -2.63%   |
| E St Louis        | \$12,845                                    | \$12,265   | 4.73%    |
| Elgin             | \$32,483                                    | \$30,286   | 7.25%    |
| Totals            | \$132,158                                   | \$127,144  | 3.94%    |

|            | AGR Comparison to Same Month Last Year<br>(000's) |          |  |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Oct., 2003 | Oct., 2002                                        | % Change |  |
| \$8,193    | \$9,216                                           | -11.10%  |  |
| \$10,766   | \$11,497                                          | -6.35%   |  |
| \$3,346    | \$3,107                                           | 7.67%    |  |
| \$16,623   | \$17,911                                          | -7.19%   |  |
| \$11,579   | \$11,280                                          | 2.65%    |  |
| \$18,652   | \$24,766                                          | -24.68%  |  |
| \$17,671   | \$22,848                                          | -22.66%  |  |
| \$12,845   | \$12,313                                          | 4.32%    |  |
| \$32,483   | \$32,082                                          | 1.25%    |  |
| \$132,158  | \$145,020                                         | -8.87%   |  |

|                   | Admission Comparison to Previous Month * |            |          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Docksite          | Oct., 2003                               | Sep., 2003 | % Change |
| Alton             | 108,763                                  | 108,907    | -0.13%   |
| East Peoria       | 143,849                                  | 134,243    | 7.16%    |
| Rock Island       | 66,042                                   | 63,054     | 4.74%    |
| Joliet - Empress  | 114,251                                  | 126,009    | -9.33%   |
| Metropolis        | 122,917                                  | 114,659    | 7.20%    |
| Joliet - Harrah's | 133,950                                  | 117,116    | 14.37%   |
| Aurora            | 115,583                                  | 115,697    | -0.10%   |
| E St Louis        | 168,683                                  | 167,176    | 0.90%    |
| Elgin             | 234,231                                  | 229,667    | 1.99%    |
| Totals            | 1,208,269                                | 1,176,528  | 2.70%    |

|            | Admission Comparison to Same Month Last Year * |          |  |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Oct., 2003 | Oct., 2002                                     | % Change |  |
| 108,763    | 139,056                                        | -21.78%  |  |
| 143,849    | 159,824                                        | -10.00%  |  |
| 66,042     | 69,998                                         | -5.65%   |  |
| 114,251    | 166,857                                        | -31.53%  |  |
| 122,917    | 118,475                                        | 3.75%    |  |
| 133,950    | 255,656                                        | -47.61%  |  |
| 115,583    | 201,207                                        | -42.56%  |  |
| 168,683    | 164,404                                        | 2.60%    |  |
| 234,231    | 225,829                                        | 3.72%    |  |
| 1,208,269  | 1,501,306                                      | -19.52%  |  |

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## Statistical Summary

September, 2003

|                       | Comparison to Previous Month |             |          | Comparison to Same Month Last Year |             |          | Cumulative Comparison - January - September |              |          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|                       | Sep., 2003                   | Aug., 2003  | % Change | Sep., 2003                         | Sep., 2002  | % Change | 2003                                        | 2002         | % Change |
| AGR (000)'s           | \$126,968                    | \$140,377   | -9.55%   | \$126,968                          | \$145,209   | -12.56%  | \$1,314,907                                 | \$1,396,998  | -5.88%   |
| # Of Table Games *    | 223                          | 240         | -7.08%   | 223                                | 282         | -20.92%  | 263                                         | 293          | -10.39%  |
| Table Drop (000's)    | \$105,444                    | \$116,909   | -9.81%   | \$105,444                          | \$125,966   | -16.29%  | \$1,125,794                                 | \$1,259,704  | -10.63%  |
| Table AGR (000)'s     | \$17,649                     | \$18,569    | -4.96%   | \$17,649                           | \$21,525    | -18.01%  | \$193,515                                   | \$219,397    | -11.80%  |
| AGR Per Table Per Day | \$2,638                      | \$2,496     | 5.70%    | \$2,638                            | \$2,544     | 3.68%    | \$2,704                                     | \$2,743      | -1.43%   |
| Table AGR %           | 16.74%                       | 15.88%      | 5.38%    | 16.74%                             | 17.09%      | -2.05%   | 17.19%                                      | 17.42%       | -1.31%   |
| # Of EGD's *          | 9,861                        | 9,792       | 0.70%    | 9,861                              | 9,598       | 2.74%    | 9,714                                       | 9,514        | 2.10%    |
| EGD Handle (000)'s    | \$1,684,236                  | \$1,850,251 | -8.97%   | \$1,684,236                        | \$1,933,731 | -12.90%  | \$17,283,299                                | \$18,435,777 | -6.25%   |
| EGD AGR (000)'s       | \$109,319                    | \$121,808   | -10.25%  | \$109,319                          | \$123,684   | -11.61%  | \$1,121,392                                 | \$1,177,600  | -4.77%   |
| AGR Per EGD Per Day   | \$370                        | \$401       | -7.91%   | \$370                              | \$430       | -13.97%  | \$423                                       | \$453        | -6.66%   |
| EGD AGR %             | 6.49%                        | 6.58%       | -1.41%   | 6.49%                              | 6.40%       | 1.48%    | 6.49%                                       | 6.39%        | 1.58%    |
| Admissions            | 1,176,528                    | 1,350,443   | -12.88%  | 1,176,528                          | 1,514,693   | -22.33%  | 13,014,077                                  | 14,436,463   | -9.85%   |
| Casino Square Feet    | 283,810                      | 283,810     | 0.00%    | 283,810                            | 269,916     | 5.15%    | 272,221                                     | 267,360      | 1.82%    |
| AGR Per Admission     | \$107.92                     | \$103.95    | 3.82%    | \$107.92                           | \$95.87     | 12.57%   | \$101.04                                    | \$96.77      | 4.41%    |
| AGR Per Square Foot   | \$447.37                     | \$494.62    | -9.55%   | \$447.37                           | \$537.98    | -16.84%  | \$4,830.29                                  | \$5,225.16   | -7.56%   |

\* Weighted Average

## Calendar Year-To-Date (000's)

| <i>Docksite</i>   | <i>Start Date</i>  | <i>Table AGR</i> |           |          | <i>EGD AGR</i> |             |          |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|----------------|-------------|----------|
|                   |                    | 2003             | 2002      | % Change | 2003           | 2002        | % Change |
| Alton             | September 11, 1991 | \$6,661          | \$7,424   | -10.28%  | \$78,780       | \$83,594    | -5.76%   |
| East Peoria       | November 20, 1991  | \$11,514         | \$13,048  | -11.76%  | \$94,511       | \$98,292    | -3.85%   |
| Rock Island       | March 11, 1992     | \$1,983          | \$2,303   | -13.87%  | \$28,055       | \$28,462    | -1.43%   |
| Joliet - Empress  | June 17, 1992      | \$24,131         | \$27,094  | -10.94%  | \$158,777      | \$155,562   | 2.07%    |
| Metropolis        | February 23, 1993  | \$12,375         | \$14,160  | -12.61%  | \$88,997       | \$92,783    | -4.08%   |
| Joliet - Harrah's | May 04, 1993       | \$25,176         | \$32,453  | -22.42%  | \$187,320      | \$210,298   | -10.93%  |
| Aurora            | June 17, 1993      | \$34,233         | \$37,835  | -9.52%   | \$159,705      | \$165,647   | -3.59%   |
| E St Louis        | June 23, 1993      | \$20,851         | \$21,249  | -1.87%   | \$98,562       | \$97,313    | 1.28%    |
| Elgin             | October 06, 1994   | \$56,590         | \$63,832  | -11.35%  | \$226,687      | \$245,649   | -7.72%   |
|                   | <i>Totals</i>      | \$193,515        | \$219,397 | -11.80%  | \$1,121,392    | \$1,177,600 | -4.77%   |

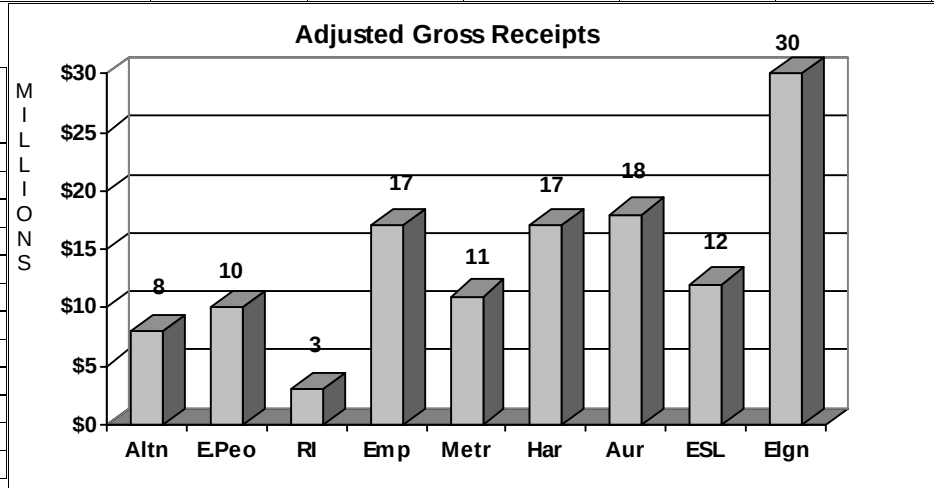
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## Docksite Detail September, 2003

|                       | Alton       | E. Peoria   | Rock Island | Joliet Empress | Metropolis  | Joliet Harrah's | Aurora      | E.St. Louis | Elgin        | Totals       |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| AGR (000)'s           | \$7,996     | \$10,405    | \$3,138     | \$17,394       | \$10,528    | \$16,787        | \$18,103    | \$12,333    | \$30,284     | \$126,968    |
| # Of Table Games *    | 20          | 21          | 12          | 26             | 22          | 19              | 28          | 34          | 41           | 223          |
| Table Drop (000)'s    | \$3,158     | \$6,402     | \$1,185     | \$13,518       | \$6,546     | \$10,573        | \$17,281    | \$11,397    | \$35,384     | \$105,444    |
| Table AGR (000)'s     | \$545       | \$1,006     | \$184       | \$1,982        | \$1,247     | \$1,601         | \$3,039     | \$2,075     | \$5,969      | \$17,649     |
| AGR Per Table Per Day | \$909       | \$1,596     | \$511       | \$2,541        | \$1,890     | \$2,809         | \$3,617     | \$2,034     | \$4,853      | \$2,638      |
| Table AGR %           | 17.26%      | 15.71%      | 15.52%      | 14.66%         | 19.06%      | 15.15%          | 17.58%      | 18.21%      | 16.87%       | 16.74%       |
| # Of EGD's *          | 1,069       | 1,177       | 731         | 1,166          | 1,185       | 1,178           | 1,161       | 1,122       | 1,072        | 9,861        |
| EGD Handle (000)'s    | \$127,413   | \$132,888   | \$47,731    | \$231,708      | \$107,768   | \$212,911       | \$201,707   | \$198,397   | \$423,713    | \$1,684,236  |
| EGD AGR (000)'s       | \$7,451     | \$9,400     | \$2,954     | \$15,412       | \$9,280     | \$15,185        | \$15,065    | \$10,258    | \$24,315     | \$109,319    |
| AGR Per EGD Per Day   | \$232       | \$266       | \$135       | \$441          | \$261       | \$430           | \$433       | \$305       | \$756        | \$370        |
| EGD AGR %             | 5.85%       | 7.07%       | 6.19%       | 6.65%          | 8.61%       | 7.13%           | 7.47%       | 5.17%       | 5.74%        | 6.49%        |
| Admissions            | 108,907     | 134,243     | 63,054      | 126,009        | 114,659     | 117,116         | 115,697     | 167,176     | 229,667      | 1,176,528    |
| Casino Square Feet    | 23,000      | 26,116      | 17,200      | 50,000         | 29,760      | 39,000          | 41,384      | 27,500      | 29,850       | 283,810      |
| AGR Per Admission     | \$73        | \$78        | \$50        | \$138          | \$92        | \$143           | \$156       | \$74        | \$132        | \$108        |
| AGR Per Square Foot   | \$348       | \$398       | \$182       | \$348          | \$354       | \$430           | \$437       | \$448       | \$1,015      | \$447        |
| State Share of Taxes  | \$3,537,462 | \$4,862,989 | \$830,155   | \$8,280,970    | \$4,598,633 | \$8,048,382     | \$8,628,992 | \$6,020,569 | \$20,604,801 | \$65,412,953 |
| Local Share of Taxes  | \$510,249   | \$654,340   | \$219,509   | \$1,004,113    | \$638,719   | \$959,329       | \$1,023,053 | \$780,402   | \$1,743,984  | \$7,533,698  |

\*Note Based on weighted average

| <i>Table Game</i>    | <i>Number of Units*</i> | <i>Adjusted Gross Receipts</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| BlackJack / 21       | 131                     | \$8,163,489                    |
| Craps                | 27                      | \$4,156,900                    |
| Roulette             | 21                      | \$2,329,410                    |
| Baccarat             | 2                       | \$680,322                      |
| Mini-Baccarat        | 5                       | \$305,216                      |
| Let It Ride          | 1                       | \$38,699                       |
| Let It Ride Bonus    | 2                       | \$82,559                       |
| Caribbean Stud Poker | 15                      | \$850,140                      |
| Poker                | 5                       | \$251,345                      |
| Three Card Poker     | 10                      | \$713,950                      |
| Pai Gow Poker        | 4                       | \$76,535                       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>223</b>              | <b>\$17,648,565</b>            |



| <i>EGD</i>   | <i>Number of Units*</i> | <i>Adjusted Gross Receipts</i> |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 Cent       | 2711                    | \$27,463,844                   |
| 10 Cent      | 138                     | \$1,792,641                    |
| 25 Cent      | 3064                    | \$30,051,230                   |
| 50 Cent      | 414                     | \$4,524,674                    |
| \$1.00       | 3070                    | \$37,389,838                   |
| \$5.00       | 371                     | \$6,319,889                    |
| \$10.00      | 40                      | \$574,840                      |
| \$25.00      | 47                      | \$1,090,951                    |
| \$100.00     | 6                       | \$111,380                      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>9861</b>             | <b>\$109,319,286</b>           |

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September, 2003

### EGD AGR To Handle Percentages

|          | Alton  |       | East Peoria |       | Rock Island |        | Joliet - Empress |        | Metropolis |        | Joliet - Harrah's |        | Aurora |        | E St Louis |        | Elgin  |        | Totals |        |
|----------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|          | #EGD's | %     | #EGD's      | %     | #EGD's      | %      | #EGD's           | %      | #EGD's     | %      | #EGD's            | %      | #EGD's | %      | #EGD's     | %      | #EGD's | %      | #EGD's | %      |
| 5 Cent   | 412    | 8.19% | 364         | 9.93% | 324         | 7.48%  | 347              | 11.92% | 317        | 11.61% | 289               | 12.83% | 308    | 13.01% | 256        | 7.73%  | 94     | 14.39% | 2711   | 10.61% |
| 10 Cent  |        |       |             |       |             |        | 42               | 12.14% |            |        | 96                | 12.62% |        |        |            |        |        |        | 138    | 12.47% |
| 25 Cent  | 276    | 5.01% | 412         | 6.84% | 249         | 5.60%  | 315              | 5.86%  | 360        | 9.32%  | 363               | 6.52%  | 334    | 7.57%  | 386        | 5.27%  | 369    | 7.66%  | 3064   | 6.68%  |
| 50 Cent  | 69     | 6.88% | 52          | 6.36% | 30          | 3.73%  | 59               | 8.01%  | 27         | 10.28% |                   |        | 59     | 7.51%  | 47         | 4.14%  | 71     | 6.33%  | 414    | 6.53%  |
| \$1.00   | 279    | 4.47% | 317         | 5.80% | 115         | 5.71%  | 350              | 5.25%  | 428        | 7.81%  | 384               | 5.10%  | 396    | 5.83%  | 369        | 4.53%  | 432    | 4.90%  | 3070   | 5.30%  |
| \$5.00   | 25     | 4.84% | 23          | 4.05% | 11          | 4.12%  | 44               | 4.13%  | 36         | 4.74%  | 36                | 5.66%  | 54     | 5.96%  | 59         | 3.12%  | 83     | 3.85%  | 371    | 4.23%  |
| \$10.00  | 4      | 5.90% | 5           | 2.64% |             |        | 3                | 4.68%  | 13         | 6.08%  | 4                 | 4.98%  |        |        |            |        | 11     | 1.93%  | 40     | 4.00%  |
| \$25.00  | 4      | 8.68% | 4           | 7.42% | 2           | -0.04% | 5                | 4.53%  | 4          | 4.95%  | 5                 | 7.85%  | 10     | 5.59%  | 3          | 4.48%  | 10     | 4.83%  | 47     | 5.56%  |
| \$100.00 |        |       |             |       |             |        | 1                | -5.37% |            |        | 1                 | 3.67%  |        |        | 2          | 12.88% | 2      | 0.44%  | 6      | 4.56%  |

### Table AGR To Drop Percentages

|                  | Alton   |        | East Peoria |        | Rock Island |        | Joliet -<br>Empress |        | Metropolis |        | Joliet -<br>Harrah's |        | Aurora  |         | E St Louis |        | Elgin   |        | Totals  |        |
|------------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                  | #Tables | %      | #Tables     | %      | #Tables     | %      | #Tables             | %      | #Tables    | %      | #Tables              | %      | #Tables | %       | #Tables    | %      | #Tables | %      | #Tables | %      |
| BlackJack / 21   | 11      | 19.83% | 13          | 9.26%  | 9           | 8.78%  | 15                  | 13.38% | 13         | 16.58% | 13                   | 12.40% | 12      | 14.98%  | 19         | 14.92% | 26      | 13.37% | 131     | 13.80% |
| Craps            | 2       | 12.51% | 2           | 24.57% | 1           | 24.16% | 4                   | 16.25% | 2          | 19.61% | 3                    | 16.58% | 3       | 17.38%  | 4          | 21.52% | 6       | 18.80% | 27      | 18.46% |
| Roulette         | 1       | 14.89% | 2           | 33.23% | 1           | 32.65% | 2                   | 27.55% | 2          | 32.97% | 2                    | 25.86% | 3       | 27.32%  | 4          | 30.57% | 4       | 24.17% | 21      | 26.62% |
| Baccarat         |         |        |             |        |             |        | 1                   | 11.41% |            |        |                      |        |         |         |            |        | 1       | 27.61% | 2       | 23.36% |
| Mini-Baccarat    |         |        |             |        |             |        |                     |        | 1          | 26.99% | 1                    | 19.42% | 1       | -15.88% | 2          | 16.68% |         |        | 5       | 18.57% |
| Let It Ride      |         |        | 1           | 17.98% |             |        |                     |        |            |        |                      |        |         |         |            |        |         |        | 1       | 17.98% |
| Let It Ride Bonu | 1       | 26.47% |             |        |             |        |                     |        | 1          | 27.75% |                      |        |         |         |            |        |         |        | 2       | 27.31% |
| Caribbean Stud   | 1       | 33.22% | 1           | 11.91% | 1           | 27.68% | 2                   | -0.87% | 2          | 30.32% |                      |        | 3       | 28.29%  | 1          | 27.86% | 4       | 19.59% | 15      | 19.52% |
| Three Card Pok   | 2       | 14.83% | 2           | 20.10% |             |        | 2                   | 14.55% | 1          | 12.48% |                      |        | 1       | 22.21%  | 2          | 22.96% |         |        | 10      | 17.73% |
| Pai Gow Poker    | 2       | 5.14%  |             |        |             |        |                     |        |            |        |                      |        |         | 2       | 22.05%     |        |         | 4      | 17.73%  |        |

Note: Poker has been excluded from this report. Because poker is competition between patrons, the table AGR to drop percent is not a relevant comparison