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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

This month we head to Little Creek Casino Resort for the 2010 Northwest Indian Gaming Conference & Expo hosted by the Washington Indian Gaming Association, July 12-14. This year's show promises to be exciting and the floor space, as well as the annual golf tournament, has been sold out. With so much going on in the industry right now, there will be plenty to talk about and learn at the numerous roundtable conferences and workshops.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has just sworn in its new Chairman, Tracie Stevens of the Tulalip Tribes in Washington State. Stevens, who was nominated for the position by President Obama in April of this year, most recently served as Senior Advisor to Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk. She has also been an invaluable asset to the Tulalip Tribes over the past twelve years, serving in various capacities on both the business and government sides. Our congratulations to Stevens and we look forward to her work with the NIGC.

The questions surrounding the legality of Internet gaming continue, with concerns being voiced by a number of interested parties. The discussion of Internet gaming is far from over, but is raising many concerns, particularly in tribal gaming. In this issue, Knute Knudson of IGT delivers a thorough analysis of the topic, examining the interest tribes as well as non-tribal entities have in the matter and the potential impact Internet gaming could have if legalized.

In this issue we shine the spotlight on casino entertainment, talking to representatives from gaming properties all over Indian Country about their respective entertainment venues and the impact live entertainment has on their gaming operations. Also in this issue we conclude our ongoing series covering golf courses in Indian Country. With summer in full swing, there's no better time to hit the fairways at these stunning golf resorts.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Little Creek Casino Resort. If you're able to attend, be sure to stop by the booth and say hello!



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