

## Morongo's Lavish High Limit Gaming Room Opens with Red Carpet Gala

Elegance and excitement ruled the night as celebrities, red carpet interviews and flashing cameras marked the recent grand opening of the plush High Limit Gaming Room at the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa in Cabazon, CA. Hundreds of invited guests were on hand for the event, including Cheryl Burke of *Dancing with the Stars*, Ming-Na Wen, star of ABC's hit action series *Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and Harry Shum, Jr. of the Fox television show *Glee* and the upcoming film, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: The Green Legend*.

"Morongo ushered in our beautiful new High Limit Room with the glitz, glamour and electricity of a Hollywood blockbuster premiere," Morongo Chief Operating Officer John James said. "Every detail of our room has been specifically designed to exceed the needs and expectations of our guests who prefer a high-stakes wagering experience."

The High Limit Room embraces a feng shui design that achieves balance and harmony. With stylish, Asian-inspired décor, the salon is adorned with traditionally held symbols of luck including Chinese "Shi" Guardian Lions, a General Guan Yu statue, and Chan Chu, the Lucky Money Toad. Table offerings include Six-Deck and Double-Deck Blackjack and Macau-Style Squeeze Baccarat, with bets ranging from \$100 to \$5,000.

"The new High Limit Gaming Room at Morongo is simply gorgeous," said Cheryl Burke. "It's so elegant and comfortable. There's an amazing, positive energy that flows through the whole space."



L-R: Cheryl Burke of *Dancing with the Stars*; John James, Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa Chief Operating Officer; Anne Robinson, tribal council member, Morongo Band of Mission Indians; Ming-Na Wen of *Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and Harry Shum, Jr. of *Glee* and the upcoming *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: The Green Legend*.

High-Limit Room guests have the opportunity to enjoy Morongo's first-ever premium tea service featuring more than 35 exclusive teas. In addition, an exclusive bar offers a selection of super premium liquors, including limited and special cognacs, scotches and vodkas, among others. Menu selections and wines from Morongo restaurants are also available.

VIP hosts dedicated only to serving High-Limit Room guests are always on hand. Other features include reserved gaming, a discreet cash cage for privacy and twelve 70-inch HD televisions for viewing special events, sports and international programming.

## Construction Underway on Treasure Island Resort & Casino's The Lagoon



In May 2015, Treasure Island broke ground on an addition of a 40,000 sq. ft. waterpark, upscale spa and fitness center. The construction progress has been steady and it will be ready to open mid-February 2016.

Named The Lagoon, the waterpark will be the second largest of its kind among the 18 Native American casinos in Minnesota. There are many exciting aspects of The Lagoon including a 320 ft. long lazy river, two body slides that loop around 276 ft. in length and a zero depth family pool that will be great for the kids. The family pool will have lots of fun water features and a toucan slide. An island in the middle of the lazy river will have benches and chairs to relax on and provide a fun view of the waterpark. The Lagoon will have an adult only pool area and swim up bar. An adult only hot tub and patio area will make this a great spot to relax in.

The waterpark will hold 119,000 gallons of water between all four pools. Designed with a state-of-the-art eco green filtration system, it will utilize sphagnum moss as a pre-filter water conditioner. This is to provide the best water quality possible, reduce chemical usage and greatly improve the waterpark experience.

The Lagoon will have 14,000 sq. ft. of outdoor patio space so guests can enjoy the views in the warmer months. There will be three separate outdoor patio areas, including one that can be rented for private parties. When the weather is nice, three large panels of glass can be opened to truly make the waterpark indoor/outdoor.

The Wave Spa will open as a full service salon and spa offering hair services (cutting, styling, coloring etc.), pedicures, facials, waxing, make-up and nail services. Massages will also be offered as 30/60/90 minutes with Swedish deep tissue, hot stone or couples massages. For girls weekend get-a-ways or bridal party events, a relaxation room will include lounge chairs and a fire feature and can accommodate up to 12 people. Catering will be available for special events booked in that space.

A new fitness center will have the latest in elliptical and treadmill equipment so guests can track their progress 24/7.

RSP Architects in Minneapolis provided architectural design services and Knutson Construction is the design-builder on the waterpark and spa. ♣