

Redding Rancheria Introduces 2015-2016 Tribal Government Officials



L-R top row: Glen Hayward, Don Benner, Jason Hart, Jason Hayward Jr., Tony Hayward Sr., and Jack Potter Jr. L-R bottom row: Patty Spaulding, Barbara Murphy, Hope Wilkes, and Michelle Hayward.

Redding Rancheria in Redding, CA recently introduced its Redding Rancheria Tribal Government Officials for 2015-2016. The governing body of the Redding Rancheria is the Tribal Council which is composed of seven Council members and three alternate Council members elected by its membership. The four candidates receiving the most votes are elected for a two-year term and the other three candidates are elected for a one-year term. The three alternate positions are elected for one-year terms. The current Council is: Jack Potter Jr., Tribal Chairperson; Don Benner, Vice Chair; Patty Spaulding, Secretary; Hope Wilkes, Treasurer. Council members are: Barbara Murphy, Jason Hart, and Glen Hayward. Alternate positions are: Jason Hayward Jr.-1st Alternate, Michelle Hayward - 2nd Alternate, and Tony Hayward Sr.- 3rd Alternate.

“The Redding Rancheria is proud to have a respectful government to government relationship with Shasta County, the city of Redding, and local towns within our county,” stated Tracy Edwards, CEO Redding Rancheria Tribal Government.

Gila River Casinos Names Joseph A. Magliarditi as New Chief Executive Officer

Gila River Gaming Enterprises, the leader in high energy gaming entertainment in the Phoenix Valley, today announced that its Board of Directors has named Joseph A. Magliarditi as the company’s Chief Executive Officer.

The Gila River Casinos Board of Directors unanimously selected Magliarditi. Magliarditi has over twenty years of experience leading complex gaming organizations and growing the profitability and value of companies in the gaming and hospitality industry.

“Our search for a new leader to continue Gila River Casinos’ success has been focused and thorough,” said Pamela Johnson, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. “We

established a broad field of candidates, and interviewed many individuals. Each was carefully interviewed by the Board and Magliarditi was our top choice.”

“Joseph came to our attention because of his proven leadership experience and industry expertise, having a proven track record of driving profitability and improving the guest experience. We were impressed by his emphasis on developing internal talent, his personal integrity and his deep rooted knowledge of the role corporate culture plays in a company’s success,” continued Johnson.

An accomplished senior gaming executive, Joseph most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas. Prior to joining Palms, Magliarditi served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, as well as Executive Vice President at Morgan’s Hotel Group. Magliarditi has also been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the M Resort and Vice President of Operations at Rio Hotel & Casino.

“Gila River Gaming Enterprises has established itself as a leader in the industry, as well as the Phoenix valley with a great collection of three highly patronized, successful casinos,” said Magliarditi. “The Enterprise has accomplished a great deal through the efforts of their talented team members, and I look forward to leading it to new levels of success. We will continue to increase value for our guests and the Gila River Indian Community.”



Joseph A. Magliarditi

Courtney Birmingham Named Director of Marketing at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino



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Courtney Birmingham has been named Director of Marketing at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino. In her role, Birmingham will provide strategic direction to advertising, creative, public relations and corporate sponsorships.

Birmingham has spent much of her career on the east coast with stints at casinos in Atlantic City and Connecticut. Most recently, she oversaw advertising and creative services for Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, CT.

“Courtney brings a wealth of experience in casino marketing from some of the largest and most successful properties in the country,” said Tom Malloy, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Assistant General Manager/Chief Marketing Officer. “With the recent addition of our hotel, we’re excited to employ her fresh perspective in growing our brand and sustaining our long-term success.”

GLI Hires Mark Roy as Manager of Technical Compliance



Mark Roy

Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) has expanded its Technical Compliance team with the addition of Mark Roy, Manager of Technical Compliance. Roy joins GLI with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the gaming industry.

As Manager of Technical Compliance, Roy is responsible for providing overall direction and leadership for all activities in his respective department, including managing client relationships and evaluating and implementing company procedures for maximum efficiency and cost containment.

GLI Director of Technical Compliance Chad Kornett said, "We are thrilled to welcome Mark to our technical compliance team. GLI is committed to securing the industry's most talented and diverse personnel, which affords our clients an efficient pathway toward achieving compliance in regulated markets globally. Mark's extensive gaming experience adds depth to the Las Vegas team, and we are happy to have him join us in our mission to provide so much more than just testing to the industry."

Roy began his career as Technical Product Compliance Administrator/Interim Product Compliance Manager at Shuffle Master, Inc., where he performed various duties, including product submissions for all Shuffle Master Product Lines, installs of all SMI equipment to gaming labs for testing and approval as well as gaming equipment in casinos, and interfaced with engineering to ensure products were in compliance with jurisdictional regulations. Prior to joining GLI, Roy transitioned to Interblock, where he managed daily operations for global technical product compliance and supervised employees.

Interblock Names Gaming Service Expert Todd Sims Vice President of Operations

Luxury gaming manufacturer Interblock has named gaming sales and service expert Todd Sims as the company's new Vice President of Operations. Sims will be based in the company's Americas' headquarters in Las Vegas.

Sims' appointment is the latest in a string of high-profile executive positions the company has filled. "I had the privilege of working with Todd during our time together at Bally Technologies, where as Vice President of System Operations, he played a senior role in our global operations," Interblock CEO John Connelly said. "As Interblock continues to expand globally, his experience in creating a cost effective service and logistics infrastructure, combined with a customer centric focus, will be critical to our success."

Prior to joining Interblock, Sims was Vice President of Customer Service at Bally Technologies, a role within the company focused on field operations and parts warehousing, sales and distribution. Sims led the operations team during the initial launch of Bally Technologies' Alpha Platform and he integrated the field operations unit from the recently acquired Sierra Design Group to create the new Bally Operations team consisting of 170 engineers, technicians and administrators. He also served as Director of Sales for Four Winds Interactive, where he led his team in selling enterprise software solutions.

Civic-minded, Sims founded eFriends, a charitable organization created to provide Children's Healthcare of Atlanta patients and their families with laptop computers during their stay in the hospital.



Todd Sims

Aristocrat Names Matt Wilson Senior Vice President of Global Gaming Operations



Matt Wilson

Aristocrat has appointed Matt Wilson to Senior Vice President of Global Gaming Operations. Previously, Wilson was the company's Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

In his new role, Wilson is responsible for the development and execution of Aristocrat's global recurring revenue strategy in all Class III markets including oversight of North American gaming operations, which is a critical growth engine for the company.

"Matt's proven leadership and insight have been instrumental in driving Aristocrat's recent momentum in the North American market," said Aristocrat Chief Commercial Officer Maureen Sweeny. "His experience in the sales and marketing functions across the company's major Class III markets in Australia and New Zealand, Asia Pacific and North America, have given him a deep understanding of our global growth opportunities. This experience uniquely qualifies Matt to spearhead our efforts as we look to build sustainable business models across the globe, in alignment with our Global Class III strategy."

Wilson joined Aristocrat in 2004 and has held a number of key positions in a variety of markets. Between 2008 and 2012 he oversaw Aristocrat's rapid expansion in the Asia Pacific region as the head of the sales team. In 2012 he was promoted to Vice President of Marketing for the Americas and, in August 2014, was promoted to Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for all of North America.

This appointment is subject to the receipt of any necessary regulatory approvals.. ♣