



California Tribal Casino News for the December 22nd-January 10th

Happy New Year!

The beginning of the New Year brings New Year resolutions for many of us and refreshed aspirations for a poker bill that will be palatable to all and hopefully pass the legislature! Perhaps not so fast as from the article below it seems the divisions from before are even stronger now! We will be following this closely and will keep you informed....

[California Online Poker in 2015: A Look at the Golden State's Politics, Factions, and Marketing](#)

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<https://www.casino.org/news/california-online-poker-2015-a-look-back>

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[Pechanga reveals \\$285 million Temecula casino expansion plan](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Members of Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians revealed the massive Temecula casino expansion plan, whose worth is \$285 million. The two-year plan is expected to create around 3,000 construction jobs in the area and then provide approximately 560 long-term positions.

<https://news.worldcasinodirectory.com/pechanga-reveals-285-million-temecula-casino-expansion-plan-19519>

[Spa Casino refocuses entrance on Palm Springs](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Gamblers heading to the Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs pass through a dramatic entrance, taking them under a rotunda and a jumbo video screen. "This was a side entrance," said Larry Olinger, vice-chair of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, standing in the renovated southwest corner of casino entrance. "And what we're trying to is make this the grand entrance."

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/2015/12/23/spa-resort-casino-entrance/77852100/>

[Rincon's Stallings elected chairman of Indian gaming association](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Steve Stallings, a council member of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians has been elected chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA).

http://www.valleycenter.com/news/2015-12-24/Front_Page/Rincons_Stallings_elected_chairman_of_Indian_gamin.html

[Study: Proposed Galt casino would dramatically reshape local landscape](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- A vast casino and hotel complex proposed north of Galt would dramatically change the local landscape, according to a new draft environmental impact study announced Monday. The Wilton Resort project, proposed by the Wilton Rancheria tribe, would include 12 stories and 302 hotel rooms on 282 acres just north of Twin Cities Road near Highway 99.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2015/12/28/new-galt-casino-would-dramatically-reshape-city.html>

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[Graton Casino leads Sonoma County hotel-building boom](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- As hotel occupancy continues to rise in Sonoma County, a variety of new hotel projects are in the works and are scheduled to open their doors in the next couple of years. Graton Resort & Casino is expanding its Rohnert Park location with a new, six-story, 200-room hotel. The 342,000-square-foot resort addition will make it the fourth-largest hotel in Sonoma County.

<http://www.northbaybusinessjournal.com/northbay/sonomacounty/4937292-181/graton-casino-sonoma-hotel-boom#dp5wzfVVRrLjZAqy.97>

[Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino reopens to large crowds on New Year's Eve](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- The Indian casino near Coarsegold reopened, amid protests, after being shut down for more than a year. It was supposed to be a soft reopening, but when the casino opened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the crowds surged in and it became a boom.

<http://abc30.com/news/chukchansi-gold-resort-and-casino-reopens-to-large-crowds-on-new-years-eve/1142718/>

[Check or Bet: California eyes battles over online poker in NJ, Penn](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- December was a surprisingly busy month in the battle over legalizing online poker. While the debate in California has been tabled until early 2016, several key developments around the country could have a direct impact on whether Californians get to play poker over the internet legally any time soon.

<http://www.10news.com/news/poker/check-or-bet-california-eyes-battles-over-online-poker-in-nj-penn>

[Chukchansi Tribe finally reopens casino after 14-month closure](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians reopened its casino on New Year's Eve, 14 months after the tribe was forced to close the facility amid an internal leadership dispute.

<http://www.indianz.com/IndianGaming/2016/01/04/chukchansi-tribe-finally-reope.asp>

[State committee approves bill to regulate daily fantasy sites](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Despite ongoing uncertainty nationwide and unanswered legal questions at the state level, California became the first state to pass a bill regulating daily fantasy sports through a committee hearing on Wednesday, handing the industry an important, preliminary victory in its fight to stay afloat in the crucial state.

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/bill-698871-committee-state.html>

[California Online Poker Bill Pulled From Hearing](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- The first week of 2016 was set to have an online poker bill in California considered in a hearing, but the proposal unfortunately has been pulled from the hearing's agenda. Lawmakers in the state's Governmental Organization Committee will have a hearing Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. local time in Sacramento, but a measure previously on the agenda was Assembly Bill 167, a measure introduced early last year by Assemblyman Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D-South Los Angeles).

<http://www.cardplayer.com/poker-news/19833-california-online-poker-bill-pulled-from-hearing>

[California Nations Indian Gaming Association Urges Assembly GO Committee to schedule Hearing relating to online poker](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Steve Stallings, chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA), disappointed that Representative Adam Gray, chairman of the California Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, did not use the January 6 hearing to take the next step in legalizing and regulating online poker in the state.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/california-nations-indian-gaming-association-urges-assembly-go-committee-to-schedule-hearing-relating-to-online-poker-300200643.html>

[Tribal Meetings On California Online Poker Might Not Be Enough To Advance Bill](#) (CALIFORNIA) -- Licensing horse tracks to operate online poker websites in California is emerging as the crucial issue as members of rival American Indian coalitions meet individually in an effort to reach agreement on online poker legislation.

<http://www.onlinepokerreport.com/19211/tracks-still-online-poker-hurdle/>