May 10, 2009

To our Shuffleboard Friends & Family,

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to **cancel the 3rd Annual Pacific** Northwest Shuffleboard Extravaganza Tournament (May 19th - 25th) contracted for May 17-25, 2009 with Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, Washington (17th & 18th set-up days, 19th first event started).

This letter is to inform you that if you have already sent in your registration and entry fee you will be fully *refunded 100%* from Olympic Shuffleboard. At no fault of the Olympic Shuffleboard Company –Little Creek Casino had double-booked the facility and were unable to make alternate arrangements for the other group. We were asked to take all 18 shuffleboards out on the night of the (21st) as all boards had to be removed from the convention center by early Friday morning (22nd) and then temporarily place our boards in banquet rooms to resume play. Not only did they not have enough room, but we couldn't start bringing the boards back in until Saturday (23rd) around 3:00 a.m. in the morning. As you well know, this was not possible for us to do. Olympic Shuffleboard stated that it could not be done and Little Creek Casino decided to cancel the contract. Our contract allowed a 10 day cancellation notice from the start of the 1st event (19th). We were just informed of the situation this week and received attached cancellation notice on May 9th and had been "hammering" the Casino to make other arrangements – without interfering with the shuffleboard event - with no results.

We sincerely apologize for **any** and **all inconvenience** this may have caused you and your families – we are so upset over this whole situation. We have enclosed a message from the Little Creek Casino explaining their situation – as if it even matters at this point – but explained to them that we would be sending something out to our shuffleboard family and wanted to include an explanation from them as well. Olympic Shuffleboard will be contacting the room reservation department to make sure that all reservations made under PNWSE will be cancelled. I strongly suggest that if you have a reservation that you follow up with the casino and make sure that the cancellation is in effect.

Please feel free to give me a call or email if you have any questions or concerns regarding our tournament cancellation. My cell phone is 360-481-8776~ home phone 360-427-6770~ or email is <u>olympicshuff@comcast.net</u>.

Once again, I apologize to you and want you to know what a blow this situation is to us and hopefully we have your understanding and forgiveness!!

Regretfully,

Vern Gonzales Olympic Shuffleboard

PS: We are in process of pursuing and locking down the venue for the 2010 Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Extravaganza (Memorial Day tournament) and will let all of you know the venue and dates (same Memorial Day timeframe) when confirmed.

ATTACHMENT:

Notification E-Mail Letter from Little-Creek Casino Resort (below cut/paste):

----- Original Message -----From: Eric Smileuske To: Vern Gonzales Cc: Vincent Santiago Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2009 9:47 PM Subject: Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Extravaganza Event May 18-25, 2009

Mr. Gonzales,

As discussed moments ago on this 9th day of May 2009, Little Creek Casino Resort has chosen to exercise its contractual right to cancel the Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard Extravaganza. This event was scheduled to take place in the Skookum Creek Event Center at Little Creek Casino Resort, located in Shelton, WA, from May 18th through May 25th, 2009.

In no way, shape or form was cancellation of this event caused by Pacific Northwest Shuffleboard. Little Creek Casino Resort regrets having to cancel this event.

Eric Smileuske

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