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# The MICHIGAN GAMING Newsletter



## PROPOSED GUN LAKE CASINO PLANS STALLED

Last Friday, August 15, 2008, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (Court) issued a stay in the federal lawsuit involving challenges over The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians ("Gun Lake Band") land in trust application pending approval by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

The stay comes after the anti-casino group, Michigan Gambling Opposition (MichGO), filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Michigan Gambling Opposition v Kempthorne, et al.* seeking to appeal the July 25 Court of Appeals decision rejecting MichGO's request for reconsideration of the Court's prior decision in favor of the DOI, and its decision to take land into trust on behalf of the Gun Lake Band.

On Tuesday, July 29, and in response to the Court's July 25 ruling, MichGO filed an "emergency motion for stay of mandate pending petition for certiorari" with the Court. The casino opponents, MichGO, seek to challenge the prior Court of Appeals decision at the United States Supreme Court.

The Gun Lake Band is currently in discussions with the Michigan Senate concerning the approval of a Class III Gaming Compact, which would allow it to offer class III casino style games once all regulatory processes are met at the federal level.

The Gun Lake Band plans to build a \$200 million casino with an estimated 2,500 slots and 80 table games in Wayland Township, south of Grand Rapids in Western Michigan. In addition, it is estimated that the casino would employ over 1,800 people and create more than 3,100 indirect jobs.

Persons interested in monitoring this project can learn more by visiting <http://www.fogli.org/>.

## **NEW INSTANT LOTTERY TICKET TO AWARD MILLIONS**

The Michigan Lottery is launching a new instant lottery ticket at the end of this month which will feature the most \$1 million grand prizes ever offered by the Lottery on a single ticket. Eleven lucky prize winners will receive \$1 million each, playing the new “Million Dollar Madness” instant ticket.

*The Detroit News* reported that the Lottery Bureau will spend \$1.3 million on ads, the largest amount ever spent on the promotion of one single ticket in the Bureau’s 35 year history.

As a promotional offer, free tickets will be given away at the Michigan State Fair and the Arts Beats & Eats in Pontiac over the Labor Day weekend.

According to Lottery Commissioner M. Scott Bowen, “[t]his ticket will be promoted heavily through television and radio ads, as well as through special launch events at the Michigan State and Arts, Beats and Eats, so we expect it to be a huge seller.”

The 4.5 million printed tickets will be sold for \$10 at Michigan Lottery terminals across the state beginning August 29.

## **TIME FOR G2E EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS RUNNING OUT**

Time is running out for valuable Early Bird Discounts for the 2008 Global Gaming Expo (G2E), to be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, from November 17 through 20.

Early Bird Discounts include group discounts, Native American Casino Registration packages and special hotel and travel deals which registrants may take advantage of at the G2E website.

New this year at G2E is the opportunity for attendees to apply for Express Badges. Expo organizers say the new badges will expedite

registration and check in time, thus creating more ease and convenience.

Over 30,000 gaming professionals from around the world are scheduled to attend this years G2E from all gaming industry trades and sectors.

To register, or if you have any questions about G2E, please visit [www.globalgamingexpo.com](http://www.globalgamingexpo.com).