

DEAL ME IN



Mark Pilarski

Those Thinking Machines Have Still Not Arrived

Dear Mark: If a machine has just paid out a jackpot, would you recommend moving to another machine being that the machine now has to recoup its losses?

Dale M.

Far too many players erroneously believe that any machine that has just hit a jackpot won't hit another anytime soon because the machine has to re-prime the pump and win back the money it just forked out. No so, my friends.

It doesn't matter whether a machine has paid out one, or multiple payouts, as the odds of landing a winning combination are the same on each and every whirl. There's just no mathematical reason to switch machines after any number of winning, or losing, spins.

Now, Dale, if a machine isn't paying after a certain number of losing spins, and you're getting bit perturbed, yes, I can rationalize that as a good reason to switch, but that's an emotional reason, and not a mathematical justification for changing machines.

Dear Mark: If you are a member of a slot club and you receive cash back, gift or comp based on your play playing slots, does the casino report those perks to the IRS?

Mary Ellen H.

The only thing the casino reports to the IRS is a slot win of \$1200 or more, and for that you'll be issued a W2G, but what they don't do is report cash back, gifts, or comps that you receive based on your card use and patronage.

Dear Mark: Why are Don't Pass players allowed to take down their bets on a crap game but Pass Line players are not? I think this is unfair.

Jason S.

Because if the casino allowed craps players to take down Pass line wagers at will, Craps would easily be a beatable game.

The reason being, Jason, is that on the come out roll, a Pass line

player has eight ways of winning (dice combinations that make a seven or 11) and only four ways to lose: One way of making either the two or 12, and the two rolls that total three. Once a point has been established, that's when the casino makes its dough.

If the casino allowed you to take down your pass bets whenever you wanted, the intelligent play would be to bet Pass line on the come out roll, collect our winnings on 7 and 11 where you have eight ways of winning and only four of losing, and then take down your bets when any point was established. I hardly think the casino is going to allow you to win two-thirds of your bets without taking your lumps. Yes, you have an edge on the come out roll, but you have to bear an inferior position on subsequent rolls.

The Don't Pass bet, endures his pain on the come out when they have eight ways of losing (7s and 11s) and only have three ways of winning (2, 3, 12). The smart move for them is to stay in play after a point has been established when the casino becomes the underdog, and they the favorite with a 66% chance of winning.

Before I Shuffle: Regarding my recent column on MI casino pay-back rates, I inadvertently mentioned that the Michigan Racing Commission regulated casinos. It should have read the Michigan Gaming Commission.

Gambling Wisdom of the Week: "The root of all superstitions is that men observe when a thing hits, but not when it misses."

~Sir Frances Bacon

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and Canadians are ready to start construction of the span.

He described the bridge as "more than a provincial project."

"It is of vital importance to the future growth of the entire upper peninsula and for that matter to all of Michigan and Ontario. It will stimulate commerce on both sides of the border as well as expedite east-west transcontinental Canadian traffic through the entire length of Michigan's upper peninsula."

From Les Cheneaux: An open meeting sponsored by the board of education of the Les Cheneaux community schools will be held on Monday evening, November 30. The purpose of this meeting is to select a representative group of citizens who will set up procedures for

studying the total program of the school. After this group determines the procedures and scope of study, a second public meeting will be held at which time a working committee will be established.

**30 YEARS AGO
The St. Ignace News
November 29, 1979**

The number of deer hunters in the Upper Peninsula has dropped over a period of the past ten years, says Larry Rubin, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge.

Rubin cited comparisons between the hunters' vehicle total for this year, of 12,390, an estimate of the entire pre-season trek northward, and a one-day count on November 14, 1969, of a similar figure, 12, 373.

The traffic is decreasing gradu-

ally, he said pointing to last year's pre-season estimate, of 13,562.

The \$50,000 "Save the Mackinac Straits Hospital" drive, which opened October 13, jumped \$1,285 in the past two weeks from 18 new pledges and gifts, bringing the total to \$28,778.

Construction of the 24-nit senior citizen housing project on Drummond Island will begin in the spring, said State Representative Charles Varnum in announcing the "go-head" given the \$650,420 project.

From Mackinac Island: The Christmas Bazaar is again being planned by the Island's two winter-operating churches, Trinity Episcopal and St. Ann's Catholic. The bazaar will be held December 9

and 10. The two clergymen, the Reverend Father Guy S. Thoren and the Reverend H. Marshall Lowell, Jr., are asking that those who will help to contact them.

In last year's bazaar, the two churches raised enough funds to pay all the winter heating expenses for both churches, and they hope to do as well this year.

The travel shows, usually attended by four area Chambers, Cheboygan, Mackinac Island, St. Ignace, and Mackinaw City, will be minus two chambers for the 1980 season. Cheboygan has dropped out and Mackinac Island can't contribute this year. Consequently, the travel budget is cut in half as will be the number of volunteers who will be needed to

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St. Ignace City Council Minutes

Council Proceedings (Unofficial)

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Grondin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers Della-Moretta, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, Councilmembers, Clapperton, Wyse, Mayor Grondin.

Absent: Councilmembers Fullerton and LaLonde (excused by Council).

Staff Present: Eric Dodson, City Manager; Prentiss M. Brown, Jr., City Attorney; Andrea Insley, Deputy Clerk; Gene Elmer, Assessor/Treasurer; Paul Sved, Bldg. Inspector; Deb Evashevski, DDA Director.

Corrections of November 2 and November 9, 2009 Council Meeting minutes.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2 and November 9, 2009 were approved as written.

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - MEDC BLOCK GRANT:

It was moved by Councilmember Wyse and seconded by Councilmember Della-Moretta to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

After hearing questions and concerns from various members of the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Wyse. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, supported by Mayor Grondin:

WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace

and the Downtown Development Authority in conjunction with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, intends to work with the private business owner of the property located at 399 N. State Street (property numbers 200-001-00; 002-00; 003-00; 004-00 and 200-015-00) in downtown St. Ignace; and

WHEREAS, said business owner will spend \$90,000 in private funding toward the purchase of said property and another \$700,000 to renovate the now empty grocery store building, creating a grocery store, with deli with indoor and outdoor seating, bakery, coffee shop; create 14 year-round, full-time jobs, of which private business owner has pledged to offer at least 51% to low and moderated income persons; and

WHEREAS, said public portion of the development is expected to cost \$277,500 (\$270,000 Michigan EDC, \$5,000 DDA and \$2,500 City in-kind contribution toward public seating and picnic area along adjacent boardwalk); and

WHEREAS, the City and DDA agree that this project is consistent with the local downtown development plan (City of St. Ignace DDA Plan amended in 1993) described in the application; and

WHEREAS, the City and DDA agrees that no project costs will be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and formal, written authorization to incur costs is received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing to hear comments on this project on Monday, November 16, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Ignace City Council authorizes Debra Evashevski, its Downtown Development Authority Director to act as the Certifying Officer in completing all necessary environmental review paperwork and act as the Authorized Local Government Official to submit and sign all necessary Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application paperwork to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, Councilmember Clapperton, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmember Della-Moretta

No: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Fullerton, LaLonde.

Resolution declared Adopted.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

City Manager Dodson updated Council on the City's current financial status and also noted the upcoming budget work session scheduled for November 30, 2009.

3. DOG PARK RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Mayor Grondin, and supported by Councilmember Wyse:

WHEREAS, the St. Ignace City Council has been asked by Mackinac Animal Aid Association to support the construction of a dog park in the City of St. Ignace; and

WHEREAS, the St. Ignace City Council recognizes the need for a parcel of property for the purpose of applying for a grant for said project; and

WHEREAS, the St. Ignace City Council further recognizes that said project may include applying for a grant for an Ojibwa Clan Animals Interpretation Park; and

WHEREAS, the St. Ignace City Council also welcomes any development that may attract more visitors to the area, and

WHEREAS, the Mackinac Animal Aid Association will promote this development to support healthy pets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Ignace does hereby support the concept of the dog park's planning and construction, based on the Recreation subcommittee's recommendation to continue plans for the dog park on the property loosely described as:

That portion of property which lies directly north of the mid point of the pond adjacent to Little Bear East Arena north to Cheeseman Road and west of the snowmobile trail. Approximately three acres (formal legal description forthcoming)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmember Clapperton, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmembers Della-Moretta, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson.

No: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Fullerton, LaLonde.

Resolution declared Adopted.

4. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Grondin requested Council's approval to reappoint the current members on the Negotiation Committee and the Solid Waste Committee. It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem

Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember Della-Moretta to approve reappointment of the members of both committees.

Consideration of Bills:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson questioned the bill for Dafter Sanitary Landfill/Waste Management, inquiring why the City pays the Landfill directly. City Manager Dodson explained that due to certain DEQ requirements, the City is responsible for following specified procedures in containing and hauling the street sweepings to the landfill.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

At this time, City Manager Dodson recognized Brenda Beyer as the city employee mentioned in a recent Letter to the Editor who was commended for returning "unintended" money found in a boat launch experience.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

A & I Midwest Printing Co	1,429.50
Ace Hardware	311.13
Airgas Great Lakes	68.61
AT&T	141.00
BS & A Software	675.00
Budget Host Inn	190.86
Carol Bell	471.94
Cheboygan Lumber Co	304.50
Cintas-729	61.42
Controls Supply	257.39
Dafter Sanitary Landfill/Waste Mgmt	1,271.46
Edison Sault Electric	24,360.68
Gordon Food Service	563.70
Kelly's Splash of Colors	180.00
Kimball Midwest	304.64
KSS Enterprises - Petoskey	759.07
Lakefront Electronic	58.98
Lynn Auto Parts	3,320.09
Mackinac Sales	133.23
Marine Center	18.97
Maxwell Medals & Awards	1,059.71
McVeigh's Truck Springs	103.72
National Office Products	683.25
NCL of Wisconsin	1,457.64
North American Salt Co	46,154.49
Northern Fire & Safety	214.00
OMS Compliance Services	181.75
Oscar W Larson	1,209.40
Pepsi-Cola Bottling C	680.00
Power Plan	30.84
Quill Corp	59.80
Robinson Fence Co	2,918.00
Safety Kleen Corp	186.48
Sault Printing Co	19.99
Semco Energy	3,404.33
Solutions Telecommunications	50.00
Soo Retreading Inc	1,440.00
Spartan Stores	84.62
St Ignace Auto	446.07
St Ignace True Value	880.60
Straits Bldg Center	623.42
The St Ignace New	945.60
U P Fuel	92.68
Waste Management	8,622.45
Wright Express	3,489.47
Total	\$109,920.48

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Paul Grondin
Andrea Insley, Deputy Clerk

Animal Shelter Manager Mackinac County

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications/resumes for a Animal Shelter Manager position. The deadline to apply is Friday; December 4 at 4:00 pm. Applications/Resumes can be submitted to Mary Kay Tamlyn, County Clerk 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. The job description is available upon request.

Mary Kay Tamlyn
County Clerk
906 643 7300

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority is accepting bids for Phase One of the Kitchen Cabinet and Counter Top replacement project. The proposal is to provide all materials to replace kitchen cabinets and counter tops in 25 homes located on the St. Ignace housing site.

Interested suppliers can contact Kara Rivera for bid packages that will include layouts. The 25 units consist of 11 left, 11 right and 3 handicapped accessible units.

Delivery lead time must be included in the proposal.

Installation of products will be completed by Sault Tribe Housing.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian owned economic enterprise.

All proposals are due no later than December 7, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

Proposals must be submitted to:

Sault Tribe Purchasing
Kara Rivera/Kitchen Cabinets
2186 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For information or a complete bid packet please contact Kara Rivera at (906)635-7035.

Animal Control Officer Mackinac County

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications/resumes to fill the Animal Control Officer Position. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 4, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Send your application/resume to Mary Kay Tamlyn, Mackinac County Clerk, 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. The job description is available upon request.

Mary Kay Tamlyn
County Clerk
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