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MASHANTUCKET, Conn. Foxwoods Resort Casino and MGM Grand at Foxwoods today reported to the Connecticut State Division of Special Revenue that slot revenue for the month of September was \$56.1 million. This amount represents an increase of 2.1 percent in slot win and 4.1 percent in total slot handle as compared to September of 2009. The Mashantucket Pequot

Tribal Nation, the casino's owner, also reported a \$15.1 million payment to the State of Connecticut for September 2010. This contribution increases the total dollar amount given to the State of Connecticut to approximately \$3.08 billion since January 1993, when slot machines were first introduced at Foxwoods.

"While we are pleased with September's results, we remain keenly aware of the sluggish economy and will continue to focus on new initiatives that keep visitation strong," said Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Enterprises (MPGE) President William Sherlock. "We keep customers coming through our doors by providing them with an unparalleled entertainment experience and offering signature events that appeal to a broad audience, such as our annual Foxwoods Food & Wine Festival."

This fall, North America's largest resort casino is offering patrons yet another legendary dining experience, as foodies from across the region gather for the Fourth Annual Foxwoods Food & Wine Festival. The three-day festival, from November 5 to 7, will feature nationally-acclaimed chefs from Foxwoods and beyond, including: Craftsteak chef/owner Tom Colicchio; Michael Schlow of Alta Strada; Paragon's Scott Mickelson; David Burke Prime's David Burke; and Foxwoods' Franck Iglesias.

The Foxwoods Food & Wine Festival includes a wide variety of culinary events, from book signings to cooking demonstrations, epicurean seminars to cocktail receptions, as well as luncheons, tastings, and celebrity chef dinners.

Highlights include:

- Welcome Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner at the MGM Grand's Celebrity Ballroom, hosted by the Food Network's Sunny Anderson, Anne Burrell, and Alex Guarnaschelli;
- An exclusive event for 100 ticketed guests at the newly-opened High Rollers Luxury Lanes & Lounge, which turns into an exclusive VIP Party hosted by Big Night Entertainment's Chef Kevin Long and High Rollers' Chef Kevin Scott;
- The festival's signature event, the Grand Tasting, on Saturday and Sunday;
- A wine seminar on the best Italian wines with food pairings, led by Joe Bastianich;
- A blind tasting led by Yankee magazine's Annie Copps;
- An ale and lager tasting seminar courtesy of Anheuser-Busch brewmaster, Matt Morganthaler;
- The Bon Bon Boogie Bash featuring dessert, wines, spirits, and dancing;
- An epicurean luncheon at David Burke Prime featuring David Burke himself with guest chefs Susur Lee (Shang/Top Chef Masters) and Casey Thompson (Top Chef All-Stars), and;
- Sunday brunches at Cedars, Alta Strada, and David Burke Prime.

About Foxwoods and MGM Grand at Foxwoods

North America's largest casino, Foxwoods Resort Casino® is located at the Mashantucket Pequot Indian reservation in the midst of the rolling hills of southeastern Connecticut; easily accessible from Boston, New York, Hartford and Providence. Owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, Foxwoods offers something for everyone as the East Coast's

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premiere entertainment destination. Four award-winning hotels offer accommodations to suit every budget, along with luxury butler-serviced villas, extensive retail offerings, and more than thirty dining establishments offering everything from world-class gourmet cuisine to casual fare. Six casinos offer non-stop gaming excitement with over 7,000 slots and 570 table games throughout the resort; including the only WPT World Poker Room™ on the east coast; a High Stakes Bingo hall and Ultimate Race Book. The renowned Norwich Spa at Foxwoods and the tranquil oasis of G-Spa will provide the perfect escape to recharge the mind, body and soul. Meetings and Convention seekers will find more than 115,000 square feet of meeting space including the largest column-free ballroom in the northeast; MGM's 50,000 square foot Premiere Ballroom. Two acoustically-perfected theater venues offer weekly entertainment for all ages. The original state-of-the-art *Fox Theater*, seating 1400, was opened in 1993 by the legendary Frank Sinatra. The majestic 4,000-seat *MGM Grand Theater* hosts an impressive variety of weekly headline entertainment. Conveniently located adjacent to Foxwoods is Lake of Isles™, featuring two, 18-hole championship golf courses designed by Rees Jones and a state-of-the-art Golf Academy. Foxwoods supports responsible gaming, and plays a leadership role in the Connecticut Council of Problem Gambling, of which it was a founding entity. For more information, call 1-800-FOXWOODS or visit [www.foxwoods.com](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.foxwoods.com&esheet=6468682&lan=en-US&anchor=www.foxwoods.com&index=1&md5=fed7d0de17699f2914f1fb561d356ddf).
About the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
The Mashantucket Pequots are a native Algonquin people in southeastern Connecticut, having endured centuries of conflict, survival, and continuity on and around one of America's oldest Indian reservations, established in 1666. As the first native people within the borders of the continental United States to suffer attempted genocidal massacre by Puritan Colonists in 1637, the Pequots and their repatriation is an unprecedented story of restoration exhibited in detail at the Tribe's world-class Museum and Research Center ([www.pequotmuseum.org](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pequotmuseum.org&esheet=6468682&lan=en-US&anchor=www.pequotmuseum.org&index=2&md5=9039f00a27e2adde3c5d239d79090605)). Today the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation owns the largest resort casino in the world, Foxwoods Resort Casino ([www.foxwoods.com](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.foxwoods.com&esheet=6468682&lan=en-US&anchor=www.foxwoods.com&index=3&md5=95ef3f2bcac7c4344bc24314fb91e96c)), along with several other economic ventures including the Lake of Isles Golf Course ([www.lakeofisles.com](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lakeofisles.com&esheet=6468682&lan=en-US&anchor=www.lakeofisles.com&index=4&md5=efc484e25c9d0d1f54982a15355044c3)), a joint-venture partnership establishing the MGM Grand at Foxwoods, and Foxwoods Development Company dedicated to world-class resort development throughout the United States and Caribbean. All together, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation remains one of the State of Connecticut's highest tax payers and largest employers. Likewise, the Tribe provides significant financial contributions to state and local nonprofit organizations that support neighboring communities.

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