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News Release

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Pendleton, Oregon—Wildhorse Resort & Casino's 2006 Summer Poker Rodeo, Tues-Sat., July 18-22, was dominated by legendary player, Ralph Morton of Yakima. Morton, who regularly participates in Wildhorse's semi-annual Poker Round-Up, made three of the five final tables over the five days, winning one event, finishing second in two and pocketing \$37,982. Local favorite Steve Dienhardt, known as Angus Jack, of Milton-Freewater took the top prize on the final day and a purse of \$20,145. Dienhardt and the other finalists on Saturday, or more accurately about 1 a.m. Sunday morning, drew from a total purse of \$69,000.

Over the five days the prize money came to \$252,650.

Other top winners were: Tuesday, Brandon Whiteside, Portland, \$12,136; Wednesday, J.D. Landfair, Hot Springs, Arkansas, \$12,261; and Thursday, Jack Hendrickson, Enumclaw, Washington, \$13,956. Up to 36 players a day, approximately 10% of the day's players, received cash awards.

Wildhorse has gained a reputation for player friendly poker, thanks to its semi-annual Poker Round-Ups held every spring and fall, each averaging more than \$1 million in prize money to players who assemble at the resort's casino from all over the U.S. and Canada.

The Summer Rodeo is especially friendly, with low buy-ins ranging from \$100 for Tuesday's competition of No-Limit Hold 'em, to \$300 for Saturday's final day of No-Limit Hold 'Em. The play also includes plenty of no-juice satellites. Tournament entry fees are always only \$10, and satellites are "no-juice" because there is no entry fee added to satellite buy-ins.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or www.wildhorseresort.com. Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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