

PS 31: Foxwoods Casino Trip report, Nebraska Slots 2018

320-Character Description: Professor Slots Podcast Episode #31: Foxwoods Casino Trip Report-Nebraska Slots 2018. I just attended a gambling podcaster and fan meetup at Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. I participated in a high limit slots pull, was taught to play craps by Mark DeVol, and met with fans. Plus, Nebraska slot machine casino gambling.

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #31 of the Professor Slots podcast provides a Foxwoods Casino Trip Report. Plus, slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Nebraska.

Thank you for joining me for the Professor Slots podcast show. I'm Jon Friedl and this is the podcast about slot machine casino gambling. It is where I provide the knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

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"Jon Friedl from The Professor Slots Blog reveals all of his tips and tricks for thriving in the casino environment. Discover how to assess casinos to pick the best near you, choose winning slot machines, and identify your gambling goals: being entertained, earning comps, winning take-home cash, or combine them. Jon has won 90 taxable jackpots and a luxury car in 9 months of slots play - and made a profit at slots gambling since 2013."

On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on last week's episode I went over Winning Small at Foxwoods Casino. In it, I explained exactly how I figured out how to win small jackpots.

Also last week, I reviewed Montana slot machine casino gambling, including how slot machines don't exist, not exactly as traditional slot machines anyway, but there are 1,400 locations offering video poker, video keno, and video bingo electronic gaming machines..

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

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Let's get started with the first segment of the show: Foxwoods Trip Report 2018.

Introduction to *Foxwoods Trip Report 2018*

I attended Cousin Vito's Casino Podcast's Gamblepalooza event in Connecticut on April 19-22, 2018, from which I've created, for you, this *Foxwoods Casino Trip Report*. While at Foxwoods Casino, I:

- Learned how to win at slots at Foxwoods;
- Participated in a high limit slots pull (in which I had a special role);
- Was taught how to play craps by Mark from *You Can Bet on That*;
- Met my fans and made new ones; and
- Spent quality time with my fellow gambling podcasters.

For those specifically interested in how to win at slots at Foxwoods, I've already taken the liberty of providing all the winning details in both the blog article *How to Easily Win a Little at Slots at Foxwoods Casinos* as well as my Professor Slots podcast episode #30: *How to Win Small at Foxwoods-Montana Slots 2018*. Providing useful information to my audience of slots enthusiasts comes first, right?

The intent of this podcast episode is to provide a perspective of what can be learned the first time visiting a casino, in this case Foxwoods Casino, as well as what was learned. I can split what I learned into two basic perspectives: What I observed as a slots player and what I learned from watching non-exclusive slots players, that is to say craps, blackjack, roulette, and poker players, when they play slot machines.

This segment has the following sub-sections:

- An Introduction to *Foxwoods Casino Trip Report*;
- Learning to Win at Foxwoods;
- High Limit Slots Pull Event Observations;
- Thoughts on Craps;
- Meeting Fans of Professor Slots; and
- a Summary of *Foxwoods Casino Trip Report*.

Learning to Win at Foxwoods

As described in my last episode, learning to win at slots at Foxwoods casino started off by simply walking around the casino grounds for hours and hours. I didn't have a map, nor did I want one. I was simply observing, because that's useful. I was trying to get a feel for the place.

After a few hours of this, and making the observations detailed in the last article, I heard someone call out, "Professor Slots!" It's interesting meeting fellow podcasters for the first time. You generally have no idea who they are until they speak. Then, for me, I generally think they are taller than I expected them to be.

It was Mark DeVol and Dr. Mike from the *You Can Bet On That* gambling podcast for the recreational gambler that called out to me when I was walking out. Specifically, Mark had spotted me. By the way, likely because of my Professor Slots shirt, that's all I was ever called during this trip to Foxwoods Casino: Professor Slots!

On their follow-up podcast, Mark and Dr. Mike were kind enough to mention I'd acted as a guide for them, to get them over to the other side of the casino where everyone was. I'd like to give a special thanks to Mark for adding my name after Professor Slots. That was unexpected and appreciated. Plus, he pronounced Friedl correctly, too!

Anyway, learning to win at Foxwoods was a step-by-step process starting with a long walk, talking with winning slots players, questioning casino staff, and then applying all this to create a winning strategy. You can find this careful explanation here:

- Professor Slots Podcast Episode 30: How to Win Small at Foxwoods-Minnesota Slots 2018; and
- How to Easily Win a Little at Slots at Foxwoods Casino.

Links to both of these can be found in the podcast episode show notes available at professorslots.com/e31.

High Limit Slots Pull Event Observations

On Saturday, after a late morning group breakfast, Eric Rosenthal from the *Vegas Confessions* podcast had organized a high limit slot pull for this Gamblepalooza event. This had been planned by Cousin Vito for some time, with Eric using his vast experience from other meetup events to help run this slot pull.

Not to bore you with the details of successfully organizing such an event, quite a few interesting tidbits stand out which I think you might find of interest. Prior to the event, I wondered if anyone would ask Professor Slots for his opinion.

First off, my current understanding is that Eric had a bet with Vito about how many people would attend this breakfast. I did mention these were all gamblers, right? In the follow-up podcasts that have since come out, I learned that this bet existed.

And, at the time, I didn't know there was a group breakfast. I didn't, that is, until Eric saw me in the hallway that morning saying that there was one. I attended when asked, of course. Again, I did mention these are gamblers, right? And, gamblers like to win!

With that connection, I sat with Eric and his wife at breakfast, and I had a few moments to explain what I'd learned about winning at slots at Foxwoods Casino. When I suggested moving from slot machine to slot machine, to win a little at each, Eric kindly explained to me that doing so would be unpopular with the crowd. Lynching is such an ugly word, don't you think?

But, during the event itself, Eric was able to try a few of my suggestions. I don't think they helped much, but the high limit slots pull didn't occur in the casino I would have picked. It took place in one of the older casinos, as it happens.

So, with everyone gathered around, Eric started off the event by carefully reading through the rules none of us had actually read. Basically, the plan was anyone who cared to could buy in with more shares of \$100. Altogether, about 30 people had purchased 44 shares. Therefore, in this hand, Eric had \$4,400.

Another agreement amongst the group was to either double our money or spend it all. Unless we went over \$8,800 at any point, we would spend it all. Cool, huh?

Quickly, I should mention that they needed a volunteer to accept the tax burden for any taxable jackpot won. I have to say, I was a little shocked when nobody volunteered. When I saw this, I naturally stepped forward and volunteered. The applause was nice.

The next step was Eric recommending that it be my players reward club card in the machine to get the associated rewards points for betting these thousands of dollars. I declined, pointing out I wasn't a regular at Foxwoods. I counter suggested that it should be the rewards club card of our host, Vito. Again, the applause was nice.

To help speed things along, Eric had inserted 20 of the \$100 bills to create a \$2,000 voucher. I don't know if you know this, but some states have a limit on how much can be in a slot machine at any one time. In Ohio, and it seems Connecticut, the limit is \$3,000.

So, with \$2,400 in the slot machine and \$2,000 on a voucher held by Eric, the high limit slot pull began on a \$100 denomination, 1-credit Wheel of Fortune slot machine. Again, quickly, several small 2 credit wins took place over time. With 17 credits left on the slot machine, and Eric's \$2,000 voucher yet unused, the slot machine landed on Spin.

Up to this point, the crowd had started fairly excited, but that excitement had died down quite a bit over time. However, landing on a bonus spin, where a relatively large jackpot was assured, anywhere from \$2,500 to \$25,000. I was going to get a taxable jackpot!

Once spun, we got a \$4,500 hand pay jackpot. Filling out paperwork took a while, as it always does. And, handing over the stack of 45 \$100 bills to Eric, from my open palm to his, was somewhat painful. But, those were the rules.

So, we kept playing. Again, more 1- or 2-credit jackpots were won. However, no more taxable jackpots were run. We even switched to another slot machine or two. We even sped it up by just letting one person press the button on the slot machine. We did this until all the money was gone.

With all that as a description, this is what I noticed during the slot pull. People got bored. Very bored. Apparently, this wasn't very exciting except when it was very exciting. The comments I heard were, "When will this be over?" and "Can't we go any faster?"

Eric had been right. It could devolve into a lynching real fast. Eric helped move it along a bit, and everyone settled down, but I was struck with this observations: Craps people really don't know how to play slots. Honestly, it's not entirely about pushing a button or pulling a lever.

What I saw was completely different than boredom. I saw many small wins, meaning we'd picked a fairly good winning slot machine. I saw a hand pay after having made about 20 bets. Things were going great!

Where we went wrong, if I might be so bold, was not having a large enough bankroll to make 100-120 bets on a 1-credit, \$100 denomination slot machine. Yes, we brought the original \$4,400 bankroll, added a \$4,500 hand pay, and won 1- and 2-credit jackpots perhaps 10 times. So, we'd made nearly 120 bets overall.

But, that's not good. As I've discussed in the past, we need to be able to make 100 to 120 bets with our original bankroll in order to play the machine for long enough to have a fair chance of winning. And, we didn't.

Instead, we started with enough to make 44 bets, then did well enough to eventually get nearly 120 bets by using our winnings. Imagine what could have happened if our originally bankroll was enough for 120 bets!

Yes, with all other considerations being equal, it would have taken 3 times as long to play nearly three times the bankroll. But, it would not be unreasonable to think we would have gotten 3 hand pays instead of just 1 taxable jackpot.

If so, I would not have been surprised if we would have been able to bet 3 times 120 or 360 bets on that high limit slot machine. This is all just reasonable guesswork, of course. But, it's still reasonable. It follows the patterns for slots play I know and recognize.

But, it wouldn't have been worth getting lynched over. And, people wanted to move along. It was too much work to win a profit, I guess? In all seriousness, as far as I could tell, these were all entertainment gamblers out for a good time. Their gambling goal wasn't about making money. So, we didn't. But, it was entertaining...for a little while.

Thoughts on Craps

One evening, standing next to an active craps table for the first time, I mentioned to Mark Devol just that fact. I am delighted to say, he then showed me how to play craps. I'd been listening to his and Dr. Mike's podcast, *You Can Bet On That*, so I had heard the terminology. But, it really was helpful for someone to point at a spot on the craps table during these explanations.

Besides learning how to play craps, I just had to ask Mark what a well drink was. This is something that is often mentioned on their podcast, that so-and-so owes them a well drink. Mark explained what it was, which certainly matched the tone he and Dr. Mike use when talking about well drinks on their show.

Speaking of their podcast for the recreational gambler, it is mentioned often enough that Dr. Mike likes to parley when playing craps. I was again delighted when he parleyed while I was standing between him and Mark being taught craps. In a loud whisper, I said to Mark, "I just heard Dr. Mike say parley!" in an awed voice. Dr. Mike heard, and gave me a grin. For me, now and forever more, that's craps.

One question I didn't get answered, because I only thought of it afterwards, is what the heck is going on with taxable jackpots during craps games. Do they get hundreds of them per year like high limit slots players do? Do they ever happen at all? What about during blackjack and poker? I'm planning to shortly call in to Mark and Dr. Mike's show to ask that question. Maybe all us slots enthusiasts will then find out! If so, I'll let you know.

Meeting Fans of Professor Slots

Gamblepalooza was my first meetup event where I met fans of the show. John was there, whom I'd talked with before as part of a consultation. I spent a significant amount of time with him talking about slots, because it was one of my goals for the trip. He was one of my first fans, which I appreciated.

With him, I shared everything. Everything from my last article, and more. I also shared it with his friend Michelle as well as his girlfriend whom, since I don't know if she wants her name shared, I'll just call Amy. John and "Amy" will know who I mean.

In any case, it was great meeting all three of them. Thanks, John, for introducing me to them as well as your rather lively and detailed questions. If you have any follow-up questions, do let me know.

I also met Ernie, who very earnestly stated that he's listened to every one of my podcast episodes. Wow. That was a big moment for me. I mean, I talk and talk into this empty room. But, to hear back from someone? Just ... wow.

I also met others, all very nice people. With a couple of people, included a pleasant couple from Canada, we talked about quantum physics, just a little small talk, during that first night. That was wonderful, and very relaxing. And, then there were some more random people at the event that were also interested in slots.

They seemed to appreciate being able to talk to someone who focused entirely on slots. I'd heard that from others, but it was really evident at this event. The surprise on their faces of finding someone, and their breathless questions once they started asking them, gave me a strong feeling that I'm starting to make a difference. Which is the point, right?

Unfortunately, I don't have everyone's names to share. I'll have to do better at that at future events, maybe take more notes as the day progresses, but it was truly wonderful to meet all of you. It keeps me going!

Summary of *Foxwoods Casino Trip Report 2018*

In summary, during late April 2018, I attended a gambling podcaster and fan meetup called Gamblepalooza at Foxwoods Casino in southern New England hosted by the Cousin Vito Casino Podcast. I participated in high limit group slot pull, was taught to play craps by Mark DeVol, and met fans for the first time.

For details on how to win at slots at Foxwoods, be sure to visit either my blog article *How to Easily Win a Little at Slots at Foxwoods Casinos* or the Professor Slots podcast episode #30: *How to Win Small at Foxwoods-Montana Slots 2018*.

At this event, fans have requested more trip reports, so I have prepared this Foxwoods Casino Trip Report 2018. More such trip reports will be coming, as well as more articles on the history of slots and winning strategies. If you have any suggestions for topics you'd like me to cover, just drop my an email or leave a voicemail message on my hotline at 937-696-0086.

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Up next is the second segment of the show: Nebraska Slot Machine Casino Gambling.

Introduction

In this episode segment, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, or U.S. federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Here goes.

Nebraska slot machine casino gambling is a bit perplexing, due to the lack of a state gaming commission to establish clear state gaming regulations. The Nebraska legislature has defined games of chance and gambling very differently from other states. Basically, these legal definitions are highly limited.

Nebraska has 21 casinos that offer a total of about 900 video gaming machines. Slot machines are not available, but the relatively poor substitute of video bingo is available along with video keno and video poker electronic gaming machines.

No publicly available monthly reports on payout percentage returns are available for Nebraska.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling

There is no minimum age for gambling in Nebraska because, as defined by the Nebraska legislature, gambling is illegal and therefore doesn't legally exist.

The Nebraska legislature has identified games of chance as being gambling, and that all forms of gambling are illegal. However, Nebraska law does not define keno, pickle cards, bingo, the state lottery, racing, and more as being games of chance. Therefore, by law, these activities do not qualify as gambling. So, again by Nebraska law, they are not illegal.

Under that interesting interpretation of games of chance and gambling by the Nebraska legislature, there are truly no legal forms of gambling in Nebraska. By most other states accepted definitions of gambling, however, it does exist.

So, if you'd like to play a typical electronic gaming device such as video keno, video poker, or video bingo, then there are about 21 locations in Nebraska that, combined, have nearly a thousand gaming machines. These locations are casinos, but gambling does not occur there. Because, well, that would be illegal.

Slot Machine Private Ownership

Next up is a usually short statement about slot machine private ownership, which I have included in case you live in this U.S. state and are considering owning a slot machine. Here it is:

In Nebraska, it is illegal to privately own a slot machine.

State Gaming Commission

The Nebraska Department of Revenue maintains a Charitable Gaming Division.

In 2004, an initiated state statute was proposed which, if it had not been defeated by 52.78% of those voting, would have created a Nebraska Gaming Commission to regulate gaming. This was called Measure 420, or alternatively the Nebraska Gaming Commission and Casino Regulation Initiative.

The measure would have permitted communities to authorize games of chance and the use of gaming devices at casinos, racetracks, and establishments that sell liquor on the premises.

Established in 2010 is a private organization called the Nebraska Gaming Commission. This online resource admits to having no affiliation with the Nebraska government or the U.S. federal government.

Gambling Establishments

In this section, I'll discuss Nebraska gambling establishments.

As usual, the website links for each casino, assuming they have set up a website, is available by clicking on this segment in the show notes available at professorslots.com/e31.

The largest casino in Nebraska is the Ohiya Casino & Resort, having 410 gaming machines and no table games. The second largest is Rosebud Casino, having 250 gaming machines and no table games.

Other Nebraska casinos known to have gaming machines include:

- Iron Horse Bar & Casino in Emerson with 87 gaming machines.
- Lucky 77 Casino in Walthill with 64 bingo gaming machines.
- Native Star Casino in Winnebago with 88 gaming machines.

Besides these 5 casinos with gaming machines, there are 16 other casinos which do not offer gaming machines. You can find a list of these casinos in the link to my Nebraska slot machine casino gambling blog article found in the show notes for this podcast episode at professorslots.com/e31.

Summary

In summary, Nebraska slot machine casino gambling consists of 21 casinos that offer 900 video gaming machines such as video keno and video bingo for slots enthusiasts.

Nebraska has not yet established a state gaming commission. Therefore, no publicly available monthly reports on payout percentage returns are available for Nebraska.

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Podcast Reviews

Next up is a 5-star review provided by Mousetrip from the USA version of iTunes on April 24, 2018:

- Title: Informative and Pleasant
- Review: *"With a trip to Vegas planned, I wanted to learn all that I can to increase my chances of making a little more fun money while in the desert. John is a pleasure to listen to. He is easy to understand and presents it slowly and clearly enough to make good use of the information he is sharing. And that's saying something as he has eight college degrees. You can tell he genuinely wants his listeners to do well, and be responsible. I also love the history tidbits which, knowing these, will just make the whole thing more fun. It's also nice to listen to a Vegas-related podcast that isn't full of F-bombs. Bottom line, he's a nice guy who just wants to share what he has learned. Thanks John, I will report back with how I did using your tips! "*

Thank you so much, Mousetrip. I very much appreciate your kind remarks.

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The next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is entirely about Nevada Slot Machine Casino Gambling. It will be a less-than-brief overview of the current state of gambling in

a very important U.S. State, Territory, or Federal District relative to slot machine gaming. This time, I'll be talking to you exclusively about the great U.S. State of Nevada.

Closing

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening! Show notes for this episode can be found within most podcast Apps or at professorslots.com/e31.

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye.