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Online Gaming news

Internet Gambling Legalization Bid Seen as Long Shot [lengthy article]

A movement to legalize online poker and other forms of non-sports betting cleared a major hurdle when a key bill passed the House Financial Services Committee July 28. But final passage of the measure is still being viewed on Capitol Hill as a crap shoot at best. "This is, by no means, a sure thing," said a senior staffer on the financial services committee. "In fact, I'd call it a long shot."

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/internet-gambling-bill-online-poker-long-shot/story?id=11281823&page=1>

Dragonfish signs deal with Microgame S.p.A.

Dragonfish, the independent B2B division of 888 Holdings Plc, has signed an agreement with Microgame S.p.A. for the provision of a comprehensive casino product to the Italian gaming market. Dragonfish will provide a fully localised product with a broad range of games, both flash and download, including video slots, video poker, table games, branded games and a selection of Quickplay instant games such as virtual sport.

<http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-detail.html?announcementId=10596980>

888 Q2 income flat as bingo offsets poker weakness [important article]

British online gaming firm 888 said second quarter operating income was unchanged on the previous year after growth in bingo and emerging markets offset weak trading in its poker division. The company, which runs online casino, bingo and poker websites, made an operating income of \$61 million in the quarter, benefiting from a 372 percent increase in bingo operating income to \$13 million.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE67114120100803>

888 Holdings Public Limited Company Interim Management Statement [company reporting article]

Q2 2010 Key Performance Indicators and Trading Update

<http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-detail.html?announcementId=10596902>

Chartwell Corporate Update

Chartwell Technology says that its license agreement with Betfair will come to an end on August 31, 2010. Betfair has been a very significant Chartwell licensee for the past four years. The Chartwell Gaming System has been a very successful part of Betfair's innovative approach to the online gaming industry and Chartwell has been proud to have been a part of that innovation.

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/chartwell-corporate-update-2010-08-02?siteid=nbkh>

Gibraltar To Land Largest E-Gaming Firm

E-gaming companies, PartyGaming and Bwin have announced the signing of a merger implementation agreement to create the world's largest listed online gaming business, based offshore, in Gibraltar. Under the proposed merger, the assets and liabilities of Bwin will be transferred to PartyGaming thereby forming a Societas Europaea (European joint stock company) incorporated in Gibraltar. Current shareholders of Bwin will receive approximately 51.6 % of the shares, and current shareholders of PartyGaming 48.4% of the shares in the combined entity. Bwin co-Chief Executive Officer, Norbert Teufelberger and his counterpart at Party Gaming, Jim Ryan will continue to jointly hold their posts.

http://www.tax-news.com/news/Gibraltar_To_Land_Largest_EGaming_Firm_44593.html

Intralot Launches Skill Games

GameAccount Network and Intralot Italia SpA have launched GameAccount Network's suite of skill-based games in the newly-regulated Italian market. Intralot Italia's online customers now engage in playing real money tournaments for GameAccount's market-leading portfolio of online Skill Games including Poker Dice, Gin Rummy, Multiplayer Blackjack, Backgammon, Dominoes, Scopa and Briscola.

http://www.gameaccountnetwork.com/newsStory.shtml;jsessionid=LiSKwsqMu95Cdg1GtpiYrQ**?id=903

Talking Horses

Champion jumps trainer Paul Nicholls has left the Racing Post, which until the end of the last National Hunt season published a weekly article by him highlighting the prospects of his runners. Nicholls has now signed up instead to write on the same basis for Betfair, with the first of his new columns set to appear in October.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/sport/blog/2010/aug/02/live-racing-august-2-2010>

WagerWorks Puts A New Spin On Video Roulette

WagerWorks, the online and mobile subsidiary of International Game Technology, announces the release of new Player's Suite® Roulette! Building on the original game, new Player's Suite® Roulette! represents the next generation of gaming excellence with improved controls, a larger play field and the world's best turbo mode offering quick play plus anticipation.

<http://www.wagerworks.com/who-we-are/press-room/2008/wagerworks-puts-a-new-spin-on-video-roulette.html>

Gambling ban bill nears completion

Cyprus – A draft bill designed to ban online gambling will likely be sent to the European Commission next week and should be voted into law before the end of the year. The draft legislation – sponsored by the Finance Ministry – outlaws online games like roulette, poker, and slot machines, but allows for licences for sports betting outlets.

<http://www.cyprus-mail.com/cyprus/gambling-ban-bill-nears-completion/20100803>