



## **Press Release**

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## **TEAM MEMBERS TAKE HOME \$60,000 AT ANNUAL SPIRIT AWARDS CELEBRATION**

**PALM SPRINGS, CA (March 29, 2007) -- Spa Resort Casino, Agua Caliente Casino and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Administration have honored eight stellar team members with checks for \$7,500 and a private concert in Palm Springs.**

The annual "Night of Stars Team Member of the Year" event honored team members who have earned the distinction of being a "Star" Team Member or Leader over the past year. From those candidates, the "Team Member of the Year" and "Leader of the Year" winners were selected. They were each awarded a special trophy and a check for \$7,500. Winners are listed below.

### ***Agua Caliente Casino***

Guest Service Team Member of the Year – Norma Alvarado/Cocktail Server - Food & Beverage  
Service Support Team Member of the Year – Elizabeth Montoya/Administrative Assistant – Human Resources  
Leader of the Year – Robert Rasha/Senior Network Engineer - IT

### ***Spa Resort Casino***

Guest Service Team Member of the Year – Mariella Fico/Spa Technician – Spa  
Service Support Team Member of the Year – Linda Del Bianco/Senior Buyer - Purchasing  
Leader of the Year – Jerry Gann/Players Club Manager – Marketing

### ***Tribal***

Team Member of the Year – Ralph Chapparosa/Canyon Tribal Ranger - Rangers  
Leader of the Year – Peggy Griswold/Assistant Controller – Finance & Accounting

Chief Operating Officer David Fendrick said the awards are well deserved: "The winners exemplify our 'SPIRIT' philosophy, which emphasizes a commitment to excellence and fine customer service. We are pleased to honor these team members, as they are a driving force behind our success."

After the awards ceremony, Team Members were treated to a private concert by country rock artists The Bellamy Brothers— known for their chart topping hits like "Let Your Love Flow."

In March 2008, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will open a 16-story, 340-room luxury hotel beside the neighboring Agua Caliente Casino. The new facility will include deluxe rooms and suites and a resort spa / pool / cabanas complex in addition to an array of first-class amenities, including an ultra modern business / conference center, three restaurants, retail stores, pool, and spa.

Agua Caliente Casino is located at 32-250 Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage, California. Home to 1,000 slots, 49 table games, 11 poker tables and Bingo every day. Agua Caliente Casino also offers many delicious dining venues including the Steakhouse, Sage Bar and Grill, Grand Palms Buffet and the Desert Eatery Food Court. In addition, the valley's best live entertainment can be found inside its Cahuilla Showroom and Canyons Lounge. For more details, call the Agua Caliente Casino Information Line: 888.999.1995, or visit the web site at [www.HotWaterCasino.com](http://www.HotWaterCasino.com).

Spa Resort Casino is located in the heart of downtown Palm Springs, California, at 401 E. Amado Road. Casually elegant, the Spa Resort Casino offers the best in gaming with 1,000 slots, 30 table games and a private high-limit gaming room. The property offers the best dining choices, including the Steakhouse at Spa Resort Casino, the Noodle Bar, the Corner Deli, and the 300-seat Oasis Buffet. Cascade Lounge, Palm Springs' hottest nightspot, is where you'll find live entertainment and dancing nightly. The Hotel at Spa Resort Casino is home to 228 luxury rooms and the world-famous Spa and Well Spirit Fitness Center. For more details, call the Spa Resort Casino Information Line: 888.999.1995, or visit the Web site at [www.SpaResortCasino.com](http://www.SpaResortCasino.com).

**Agua Caliente Casino and Spa Resort Casino are owned and operated by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.**