## You Want What? Practical Reinvestment and Comp Strategies for Hosts

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#### Dealing With The Pandemic: Significant Issues

- Reduction in host reinvestment tools (lack of amenities, events, shows, promotions, etc.)
- Social distancing and occupancy limitations
- Player fears and health concerns
- > Financial constraints
- > Others?

#### **Typical Response to Issues**

- Heavy reliance on non-social rewards (free play, match play, kiosk promotions)
- Reduced sales effort (nobody wants to come so why bother)
- Overreliance on rewards to replace recognition (loss of social connection)

### Addressing the Issues: Getting Back to Basics

#### **Back To Basics: Our Sales MANTRA**

The More Touches You Make ...

... The More Theo You Generate



#### **Touch Types**

- > Retention Touch
- Growth (Sales) Touch

#### **Touch Categories**

- Reward Touch
- Recognition Touch



#### Two Types of Incremental Income

- > Trip Increase trips to property
- > Theo Increase spend while on property

#### **Touches and Theo – The Connection**

- Growth (sales) touches drive trip (primarily reward touches)
- Retention touches drive theo (primarily recognition touches)

#### **Reinvestment and Comp Guidelines:**

- 1. Recognition trumps reward: always has, always will.
- 2. Sales campaigns are not for politicians (plan the work, work the plan).
- 3. Include a mix of retention and growth touches in your plan.
- 4. Focus on recognition as the dominant touch.
- 5. Whenever possible, use free play to extend play time while on property as opposed to driving a trip upfront.
- 6. Offer social connection via amenities to drive trips (lunch, dinner, coffee, gift giving, etc.).

#### Significant Steps and Strategies

- 1. Take an inventory: WHAT ARE ALL the tools, offers, etc. at your disposal?
- 2. Fill the Holes: Create new offers, amenities, recognition tactics to fill in the holes.
- 3. Refocus on filling in player profiles: What don't you know about your players that you were too busy to learn before the crisis?

#### Significant Steps and Strategies

- 4. Old school techniques: not all touches are phone or text free play offers (the handwritten note, the personal gift, the flowers in the mail, etc.).
- 5. Be creative ... I just happened to be in the neighborhood ... no reason ... just because you're you, ahhhhh!
- 6. Stay on point (it's not about you or what you can offer, it's about the player, and what they care about).

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