



**SPA RESORT CASINO**  
PALM SPRINGS

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FINNEGAN FINDS GOLD WITH A \$460,000 JACKPOT  
ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT SPA RESORT CASINO  
IN DOWNTOWN PALM SPRINGS**

**PALM SPRINGS, CA (March 17, 2009) – The luck of the Irish certainly held true for Joseph A. Finnegan on St. Patrick’s Day when the New York man with a legendary Irish surname won a nearly half a million dollar MegaJackpot® on a Wheel of Fortune® dollar slot machine at Spa Resort Casino.**

Making his annual visit to Palm Springs, Finnegan found his pot of gold at Spa Resort Casino—a \$460, 719.82 MegaJackpot®.

Finnegan is a retired business executive who splits his time between Manhattan, New York and Santa Fe, New Mexico. He said he “just had a feeling” when he sat down at the Wheel of Fortune® machine. A gut feeling told him to play two machines at the same time, and that’s when the jackpot hit. After first wondering if his big win could be a mistake, he was soon happy to realize it was instead the “luck of the Irish on St. Patrick’s Day.” Finnegan says it still hasn’t sunk in that he won the nearly half-a-million dollar jackpot!

The 48-year-old winner, who is also President of a charitable foundation, plans to give a majority of his winnings to philanthropic organizations.

All IGT *MegaJackpots*® are paid in annual installments upon verification, except *MegaJackpots Instant Winners Jackpots*® and *Rapid Riches MegaJackpots*® awards, which are paid in their entirety upon verification.

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Live it Up Downtown: The stunning Spa Resort Casino is located in the heart of downtown Palm Springs, California. Casually elegant, Spa Resort Casino offers the best in gaming with the hottest slots, an exciting variety of table games, live poker and a private high-limit gaming room. The property also features fine dining, live entertainment and dancing. The Hotel at Spa Resort Casino is home to 228 luxury rooms and the world-famous Spa and Well Spirit Fitness Center. This is one resort destination that truly has it all. For more information, call: 888.999.1995, or visit our website: [www.SpaResortCasino.com](http://www.SpaResortCasino.com).

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