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### **Sixth Annual Oktoberfest Northwest Entertains Over 20k Revelers**

German beers, authentic Oktoberfest entertainment and Hammerschlagen were all on tap at the sixth annual Oktoberfest Northwest presented by Emerald Queen Casino this past weekend at the Puyallup Fair and Events Center.

Over 20,000 revelers enjoyed three days of music, dance and family activities that went late into the night. Authentic German foods were available, along with German beers enjoyed by the over-21-crowd. Children were definitely not forgotten, as the Root Beer Garden served up keg root beer and floats all weekend long. Children were also able to take part in pumpkin decorating, the Maypole dance, and a special Kids' Hammerschlagen area.

Entertainment at Oktoberfest Northwest is always top notch and this year was no exception. The event welcomed the return of Those Darn Accordions, who filled the dance floor all night long with their eclectic mix of rock and polka. New event emcee Manuela Horn was a big hit as well. Ms. Horn is a multi-talented force of nature who spent the weekend singing, interacting, DJing and swinging high above the crowd.

The sixth annual Hammerschlagen Tournament of Champions sponsored by Emerald Queen Casino and KJR Sports Radio once again separated the novices from the pros. Two intense days of qualifiers resulted in a champion title for Kirikiti Maileoi, who has entered the competition for the past five years. Jared Hebert and Shawn Sakura came in second and third place, respectively. KJR Sports Radio personality Steve Sandmeyer was on hand to pump up the crowd and call the action of the Saturday night finals.

Sunday was another fun-filled, action-packed day as almost 125 Daschunds participated in the third annual Oktoberfest Northwest Wiener Dog Races sponsored by BECU and KMPS. The pups competed not only in speed races but costume contests, trick competitions and even a Longest Wiener category. At the end of the day, prizes were awarded as follows:

Grand Champion – Nico McDonnell

Runner Ups – Sevyn, Fritz, Otto, & Regal

(Nico and the runner ups will race against the 2011 Wienerfest Champs at a 2011 Seahawks Halftime Showcase to determine a Northwest all around Champ)

Longest Wieners – Oscar Mayer Harris (Standard) & Angel Baby McCulloch (Mini)

Smallest Wieners – Penny Studer & Larry Duris

Cutest Couple – Rosie & Susan Greutz

Best Dressed - Angel Baby McCulloch

\$800 Loreal Basket Raffle Winner – Mary Conway

Oktoberfest Northwest producers were extremely pleased with the 2010 turnout and are already hard at work planning the 2011 event, which will take place October 7-9.

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