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Island View Casino Resort to host Margarita Mix-Off in May

- Competition to feature more than a dozen local restaurants vying for best margarita title

GULFPORT, Miss. (April 26, 2012) – Island View Casino Resort will shake up some springtime fun on May 12 with the Gulfport resort’s Margarita Mix-Off. The classic-cocktail competition, to be held on Island View’s new deck from 1 to 5 p.m., will feature a twist in crowning the Coast’s best margarita makers, as event guests will also serve as judges.

Brandishing blenders and shakers, teams from more than a dozen area restaurants, including Salute Italian Restaurant; El Saltillo, Biloxi; Lookout 49; Half Shell Oyster House; Bacchus Food & Drink; Juan Tequila’s Mexican Grill & Cantina; Beef O’Bradys, Biloxi; Hooters, Gulfport and Biloxi; El Rancho, Biloxi; Vintage Station; and The Quarter will mix it up for cash and trophies to be awarded for first, second and third place, as well as best-decorated booth. Every guest will receive a Margarita Mix-Off ballot and can vote throughout the event. Winners will be announced at 5:15 p.m.

“The Margarita Mix-Off, with a little spirited rivalry between some of our neighboring restaurants, will offer a great way to enjoy a spring afternoon on the resort’s new 5,000-square-foot deck,” said Ed Layton, vice president of food and beverage and hotel operations. “With a variety of refreshing margaritas, live entertainment and the excitement of the competition, this event promises to be a unique and festive party guests.”

The outdoor tasting and competition will feature complimentary chips and salsa, to spice things up, as well as snacks and Budweiser products for purchase. Guests will also be treated to musical entertainment by Islands of Rhythm.

Tickets are \$5 per person at the door. Guests must be 21 years of age or older. For more information on Island View’s Margarita Mix-Off, please call 228-314-2100.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,030 slots and 45 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort’s signature restaurant; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 500-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; and the View Bar, an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

