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On Sat, 11 Nov 2006 07:26:18 +1000, The Real Andy <will_get_back_to_you_on_This@xxx> wrote:

I dont "work on slots" as such :) I do however, have about 10 years software/hardware exp. in the gaming industry in case you have not picked it already.

Cool. So how do you rig the play to keep the suckers pumping in the money ;-)

You dont rig it. Its like playing lotto. Your numbers could come up, but they probably wont. If they do, you are lucky. Its the opportunity to win money that draws people in. As you stated before, by the time the button is pressed (electronic machines) the result is decided. What is displayed is only part of the game. The game simulates the old mechanical machines.

I am not an expert on slots but my sister is a platinum lever player at the Sands. They send her free tickets and meet her at the airport with a welcome back bag full of goodies to get on the stool in front of a machine.

Most people will play and win some. Nearly all will use the winnings to try win more. In the end they lose. This is how the casino makes money. The more you think you can win, the more you are probably going to play. The casino likes your sister because she spends money, and probably "re-invests" her winnings.

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I don't understand all I know about that either ;—)

I do know they don't ever have to pay taxes on their huge 1099G windfalls. By the end of the year all of their hot weekends are cancelled out by the losing ones and I am sure the Sands is not losing a dime on all those suites and lobster dinners. The only good thing about being a registered player is they get all of their activity on the same 1099G so their winnings are offset by the bad days.

When it comes to the big players, most casino's are already informed of the visit by the player so the player will get the perks. Most casino's will also do a risk analysis before the player arrives. The casino knows how much they will win or loose. The casino does not always win.

At the end of the day, the machine has a theoretical return rate to player, called RTP. The RTP varies between casinos, but most regulated casinos have an RTP up around the 90% mark. If you look at a machine turnover over , say a 6 month period, they do return %90 of the turnover to players.

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