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## **Results for the 2007 Great Reno Balloon Race**

Largest Balloon Race in the history of the event

(RENO, Nev.) – The 2007 Great Reno Balloon Race finished on a high note Sunday. With an estimated 180,000 spectators attending throughout the three days, event organizers agree it was the largest Balloon Race in the history of the event.

“The 2007 Great Reno Balloon Race was a true success,” said Marlene Olsen, Balloon Race managing director. “The pilots, the sponsors, the spectators, and even the weather contributed to a record year for the event.

For a total price purse of \$20,000, this year’s Balloon Race pilots competed in two categories: Hare & Hound and On-Field Competitions. **Hare & Hound:** First-place winner, Mark Johnson, of Cary, Ill. flew for Allstate Insurance. Second-place winner, Joel Metcalf, of Bishop, Calif. flew for John Ascuaga’s Nugget. Third-place winner, William Baker of Cary, Ill. flew for Flat Earth Garden of Dreams. **On- Field Competition:** First-place winner, Dale Wong, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. flew for the Batjer Family. Second-place winner, Joel Metcalf, of Bishop, Calif. flew for John Ascuaga’s Nugget. Third-place winner, Greg Taggart, of Citrus Heights, Calif. flew for the University of Nevada, Reno.

For more information about the Great Reno Balloon Race, log on to [www.renoballoon.com](http://www.renoballoon.com) or call (775) 826-1181.

*Thanks to the continued support of generous sponsors, the Balloon Race continued as a free event for its 26th year. This year’s Major sponsors include: Wells Fargo Bank, the May Foundation, Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Eldorado Hotel Casino, Harrah’s Reno, Lennar, Shell, Bear Industries, Reno.com, Bonanza Casino, Jack in the Box, Great Basin Internet Services, Communications Installation Services Inc. (C.I.S.) of Reno, KRNV News 4 and KOH Radio. With a special thanks to our underwriters: Club Cal Nevada, Circus Circus Hotel and Casino, Fitzgeralds Casino Hotel, Grand Sierra Resort, IGT, Peppermill Hotel Casino, Sands Regency Casino Hotel, University of Nevada, Nancy Gilbert Attorney at Law and Muckel Anderson CPA's.*

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