

## MUSIC &amp; GAMES

## IT Adds 5 Courses, Enhances Features In Upcoming PowerPutt 2013 Update

Incredible Technologies said it will release a software update for its PowerPutt Live coin-op videogame in March. The update adds five new 18-hole miniature golf courses, bringing the total number of course selections to 11.

"Every course has hundreds of tee and pin placements," said IT senior game designer Jim Zielinski. "This unprecedented variety will give players something new and different every time they play, and keep these courses



interesting and challenging for a very long time."

Along with new courses, a wide variety of new online features have been added to PowerPutt LIVE 2013 that are designed to engage players of every skill level and give them a reason to play often.

The update also has several online enhancements. For instance, players can fully customize their on-screen golfers with hundreds of clothing items; new clothes are awarded for various achievements, like every fifth game played or every 10th



**IT POWERPUTT UPDATE:** IT is readying next update for its PowerPutt Live videogame, set for publication in March. It adds five 18-hole miniature golf courses (for a total of 11 selectable by the player), and adds many ways for players to customize their experience, as well as new audio options.

birdie. In-game badges are awarded for accomplishing dozens of game milestones, and are displayed on screens that encourage players to collect them all. Daily cash prize contests use special tournament-only tees and pins; players are encouraged to enter often to improve their score, as only their best game counts towards the tournament leaderboard.

PowerPutt 2013 software also introduces Poker Putt, a side game that awards various shots with virtual playing cards. IT said the card game is for amusement only, and adds a compelling dimension to multiplayer rounds. The new software also supports RawTalk, an optional audio setting – for adult locations – featuring an-

nouncer Jack "Putter" Thompson who tells it like it is with no expletives deleted.

IT vice-president of sales Don Pesceone said the PowerPutt upgrade has been designed with longevity, variety and replay value in mind. "This game has the widest player appeal of any we have produced, and has proven to expand the player base in a location," he said.

Incredible Technologies' original putting videogame was designed as a standalone offline game with three courses. It debuted in 2008. PowerPutt Live, an online platform, was released a year ago with the three original courses and three new layouts.

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## ICE Reports Strong Demand For Harpoon Lagoon Redemption Game

Innovative Concepts in Entertainment has advanced and expanded the production schedule for its new Harpoon Lagoon game, a four-player video redemption piece with small footprint that made its domestic debut late last fall.

Launched domestically at the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions' 2012 exposition in Orlando, FL, and internationally at the European Amusement and Gaming expo in London this January, Harpoon Lagoon preorder activity has been stronger than anticipated, according to ICE sales vice-president Joe Coppola.

"We knew we had a great earner with the early test results that we received," Coppola reported. "We tested at five different family entertainment centers, and at every location, it was placing within the top eight. We didn't expect the game to catch fire so quickly."

Harpoon Lagoon is on track

to be one of the top redemption games of 2013, the ICE executive predicted. "It just has tremendous player appeal, and the fact that it's a four-player centerpiece game makes it very attractive for any redemption location."

Harpoon Lagoon occupies very little floor space and attracts players of all ages because of its intuitive gameplay. Players – any number from one to four, taking position on opposite sides of the cabinet – aim and shoot harpoons at various fish on screen, and remain alert for the lurking jellyfish to emerge from the treasure chest to offer a chance to win the super bonus.

The game's 47" horizontal LCD delivers stunning graphics, and LEDs at each corner of the cabinet produce a glowing, "floating" effect that beckons players. It features operator-friendly double ticket bins and precision controls and, according to ICE, it's so easy set up.



## Unis Adds Kiddie Ball-Toss Piece To Family Series

New from Universal Space, better known as Unis, is a two-player children's redemption game that builds on the success of the company's popular Dino Pop. The new game, called Astro Invasion, is the latest in the manufacturer's family series, which also includes Cheeky Monkey and Ducky Splash.

Astro Invasion challenges players to lob colorful balls into the mouths of two hungry alien invaders or their two robotic confederates. More experienced players can tackle the greater challenge presented by two spaceship engines with

spinning needles, located at the back of the playfield.

Dino Pop is a one-player game starring an animated pink dinosaur; the player attempts to throw as many balls as possible into its gaping mouth. The dinosaur moves, which increases the challenge. Cheeky Monkey is a child-size basketball simulator played with miniature balls.

Information on the new Astro Invasion and other games in the family series may be had by calling Unis general manager Steven Tan at (905) 477-2823 or U.S. sales manager Debbie Gonzalez at (714) 377-0508.

