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The 5 best slot gaming facts to discover

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There are many things to learn about online Slots, as they have become a very popular part of casino gaming.

Whether you prefer to spin the reels from home within games like *Honey Gems* and ***Gold Hit: O'Reilly's Riches*** or prefer a land-based venue of your choice, your options are endless!

To learn a bit more about the slot gaming landscape, here are five of the best slot gaming facts...

1. The birth of modern slot machines

If you want to start at the beginning of the modern slot gaming landscape, the roots of slot machines can be traced back to the late 19th century.

Charles August Fey, who was a mechanic from San Francisco, invented the first mechanical slot machine, which was known as the Liberty Bell.

Developed in 1895, this slot featured three reels, which were adorned with various symbols, including horseshoes, stars, and of course the liberty bell.

The Liberty Bell machine marked the start of the slot gaming legacy and paved the way for the more advanced Slots we can play today...

2. The fruit machine legacy

You may notice nowadays that there are various fruit symbols involved in some of the most popular slot machines, but fruit symbols as a whole have an interesting origin.

In the early 20th century to get around gaming laws, instead of distributing monetary prizes, they instead gave out fruit-flavoured gum as prizes for matching combinations along the reel.

The fruit-flavoured gum that would be distributed would match the coordinating fruit symbols along the reels and even though the gum aspect of the game faded, the fruit symbols stayed.

Some popular examples of fruit symbols you may find along the reels still today are cherries and lemons.

3. The first video slot

As the years went on, the slot gaming landscape took on many changes which largely revolved around advancements in technology.

In 1976 came a big shift in the casino gaming landscape with the introduction of the first video slot machine.

The Las Vegas company Fortune Coin developed a video slot that replaced traditional mechanical reels with a digital display.

This began the foundation for the video Slots that we know today which are full of great graphics and extra features to level up gameplay.

4. Slot fairness

You may already know that Slots are chance-based, but do you know how they are made to be fair?

The fairness of slot games is ensured by the Random Number Generator (RNG) – a computer program that makes sure all slot game outcomes are entirely random.

The RNG makes sure that every spin of the reel is independent of previous or future spins, so every player has equal chances within gameplay.

The RNG is the backbone of a slot game and goes into making sure that each game is as unpredictable as the next.

5. The hot and cold slot myth

Some casino players believe in the hot and cold slot myth, which is when it's believed that Slots go through stages of constant success along the reels or constant losses.

In reality, due to the RNG, each spin is independent, and past outcomes don't influence future results, so this myth is entirely incorrect.

There are many interesting facts about Slots to learn and here are just five that you might have never known before now!

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