MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2004

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA	0-22088	88-0300760
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1175 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200 Reno, NEVADA	89509
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(775)825-3355
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 26, 2004, Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting the Company's financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Also attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Exhibit 99.2, a correction of the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1. The number of shares outstanding and treasury stock on the Company?s Balance Sheet were updated to reflect such number of shares at June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 instead of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively, as was erroneously reported in Exhibit 99.1. The actual press release reported such balances correctly.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Text of press release dated July 26, 2004.

99.2 Corrected text of press release dated July 26, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT, INC.

Date: August 16, 2004

By: /s/ Ben Farahi

Name: Ben Farahi
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

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Exhibit 99.1

PRESS RELEASE

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- EPS BEATS 2003 RECORD SECOND QUARTER BY $0.21 -

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The significant increases in casino, hotel and food and beverage revenues contributed to an 11.6% increase in gross revenues during the second quarter, which, combined with an increase in promotional allowances of only 5.9%, led to a 12.5% improvement in net revenue during the 2004 second quarter over the 2003 second quarter. Operating expenses in the quarter ended June 30, 2004, increased only 3.9% as compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2003, resulting in a 63.7% increase in income from operations. Interest expense decreased by 14.3% over last year?s second quarter as a direct result of lower outstanding indebtedness, and, as of February 20, 2004, Monarch ceased incurring any stockholder guarantee fees, as its new credit facility does not require the personal guarantees of the Company?s principal stockholders.

John Farahi, Monarch?s Chief Executive Officer and Co-Chairman explained: ?Our all-time record numbers during this second quarter clearly reflect on our property as one of the premier casino resorts in northern Nevada. Our entire team has worked very hard to deliver a superior product in a tight market and all team members are to be congratulated. We have welcomed and accommodated a growing clientele to the Atlantis while successfully managing our expenses. I am especially proud of the flow through resulting in improved margins in almost every department. The resulting improvement to cash flow has been partially re-invested into the property by way of capital improvements in order to continuously offer a competitive product. We have also taken advantage of this increased cash flow to aggressively pay down our debt.? During the three months ended June 30, 2004, the Company reduced outstanding debt by approximately $6.6 million.

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book, Keno and a poker room, and offers a variety of dining choices in the form of nine high-quality food outlets.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which are subject to change, including, but not limited to, comments relating to (i) future operating performance and (ii) the financial benefits that may result from future operations. The actual results may differ materially from those described in any forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning potential factors that could affect the Company?s financial results is included in the Company?s Securities and Exchange Commission filings, which are available on the Company's web site.

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MONARCH CASINO & RESORT, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Revenues				
Casino	$ 20,944,838	$ 18,614,452	$ 40,847,689	$ 36,354,157
Food and beverage	9,440,893	8,736,201	18,266,716	16,947,609

Hotel	6,434,299	5,507,037	11,952,604	10,223,215
Other	945,812	989,068	1,808,842	1,871,813
Gross revenues	37,765,842	33,846,758	72,875,851	65,396,794
Less promotional allowances	(5,051,841)	(4,771,688)	(9,675,872)	(9,156,796)
Net revenues	32,714,001	29,075,070	63,199,979	56,239,998
Operating expenses				
Casino	7,666,678	7,358,723	15,107,349	14,484,826
Food and beverage	4,817,753	4,475,173	9,209,475	8,598,911
Hotel	1,988,888	1,738,320	4,056,875	3,384,299
Other	376,191	308,676	694,654	613,242
Selling, general and administrative	8,335,670	8,266,310	16,855,076	16,115,494
Depreciation and amortization	2,636,131	2,716,420	5,639,490	5,316,829
Total operating expenses	25,821,311	24,863,622	51,562,919	48,513,601
Income from operations	6,892,690	4,211,448	11,637,060	7,726,397
Other expenses				
Interest expense	(361,677)	(422,203)	(791,638)	(872,083)
Stockholder guarantee fee expense	-	(260,936)	(136,164)	(542,278)
Total other expenses	(361,677)	(683,139)	(927,802)	(1,414,361)
Income before income taxes	6,531,013	3,528,309	10,709,258	6,312,036
Provision for income taxes	2,179,000	1,197,200	3,599,000	2,143,000
Net income	$ 4,352,013	$ 2,331,109	$ 7,110,258	$ 4,169,036
Earnings per share of common stock				
Net income				
Basic	$ 0.46	$ 0.25	$ 0.76	$ 0.44
Diluted	$ 0.46	$ 0.25	$ 0.76	$ 0.44
Weighted average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding				
Basic	9,372,603	9,331,877	9,358,670	9,399,716
Diluted	9,399,580	9,361,060	9,390,727	9,431,942

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	$ 10,530,729	$ 9,711,310
Receivables, net	3,058,752	2,818,727
Federal income tax refund receivable	-	756,698
Inventories	1,168,302	1,245,967
Prepaid expenses	2,271,708	2,234,773
Deferred income taxes	542,457	542,457
Total current assets	17,571,948	17,309,932
Property and equipment		
Land	10,339,530	10,339,530
Land improvements	3,226,913	3,226,913
Buildings	78,955,538	78,955,538
Building improvements	7,060,680	6,304,642
Furniture and equipment	64,116,953	63,230,354
	163,699,614	162,056,977
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(65,527,631)	(63,618,047)
Net property and equipment	98,171,983	98,438,930
Other assets, net	452,456	128,263
Total assets	$ 116,196,387	$ 115,877,125
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	$ 1,585,304	$ 6,059,591
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Total current liabilities	16,973,248	21,174,735
Long-term debt, less current maturities	38,275,000	41,125,000
Deferred income taxes	4,933,427	4,854,587
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, $.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	-	-
Common stock, $.01 par value, 30,000,000 shares authorized; 9,536,275 issued; 9,329,830 outstanding at 03/31/2003, 9,474,830 outstanding at 12/31/2002	95,363	95,363
Additional paid-in capital	17,345,057	17,432,635
Treasury stock, 206,445 shares at 03/31/2003, 61,445 shares		

at 12/31/2002, at cost	(1,168,385)	(1,437,614)
Retained earnings	39,742,677	32,632,419
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RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO EBITDA (1)

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Depreciation and amortization	2,636,131	2,716,420	5,639,490	5,316,829
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