

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
Form 8-K  
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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): August 3, 2011**

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-22494  
(Commission  
File Number)

880304799  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S,  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

89169  
(Zip Code)  
(702) 567-7000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On August 3, 2011, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. Each of the exhibits listed below is incorporated herein in its entirety.

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	August 3, 2011 Press Release of the Registrant announcing financial results for the second quarter of 2011.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

August 3, 2011

By: */s/ Thomas M. Steinbauer*

Name: Thomas M. Steinbauer  
Title: Senior Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

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