Man Versus Machine: PokerBot World Championship on the High Seas

ATLANTA, Ga., May 1 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) — HixoxiH Software, parent company for Pokerbot.com, is about to change the poker-playing field. It is scheduled to host the first-ever, live digital real money Texas Hold'em tournament — akin to the World Series of Poker — on a Carnival Eastern Caribbean Cruise — September 23-30.

Throughout history, there has been a long tradition of how poker is played. Pokerbot.com is excited to tap these uncharted waters and to offer a poker-playing venue to the public that is not only unique, but safe, reliable and honest.

"This event will be the first time in poker history that pokerbots can play in a live, human tournament with real money entry fees and cash prizes," Ray E. Bornert, II, owner of HixoxiH Software, said. "With online tournaments, it's not possible to prove that a human or pokerbot was unassisted. But with live digital, it's possible."

For seven days, players will compete in the same room using laptops and a live digital poker server, all contained within a closed local area network. Some of the players will be humans; some of the players will be bots.

The PokerBot World Championship (PBWC) is composed of three Texas Hold'em tournaments for the purpose of crowning the individual world champion for each of the three different limit types: Fixed Limit; Pot Limit; and No Limit. The winners will each receive an engraved trophy ring and an official world champion title in their specific category.

There is no entry fee for the three final world championship tables. Entrants get there by winning a title event qualifier. The title event qualifiers are multi-table tournaments open to the general public based on the ability to pay the entry fee and event fee at a given level.

The prize money is awarded to top finishers in each title event qualifier from the prize pool of the entry fees for that tournament. Entry fees range from as low as one dollar to as high as one million or more.

According to Bornert, the spiral tournament system is designed to help deal with large player populations as well as to increase the chances of seeing a top professional play against a bot.

"This is set to be the 'tournament of all tournaments,'" Bornert said.

The Official 2007 PBWC is open to adult players of all levels who board The Carnival Valor, or what is commonly called, "The Fun Ship"; Carnival has sanctioned the use of 50 computers within the Capital Room. Entrants must provide their own laptop(s).

Embarking from Miami, the Valor will make stops in Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. Tournament players will enjoy all of these stops as well as three full days at sea while competing for a world championship title.

For more information on the tournament and how to register, visit: http://www.pokerbotworldchampionship.com and click on the PBWC logo.

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