

THE ROYAL FLUSH

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Nightly Live Poker Games and Tournaments 7:30 pm
Weekends at 4 pm too!

The Tilted Jack is a movement of the people, by the people and for the people. Our primary mission is to reclaim the sport of professional poker from the gambling industry. We conduct monthly meetings and hold nightly events at our clubhouse. We strive to promote the fun and entertainment of poker in a social gaming environment and provide a safe haven where friends can gather and play a "home game away from home". We will provide the safest, cleanest, best-run facilities in the Valley, utilizing the most professional personnel we can retain. **Join our movement, be active in it, and help get Jack off tilt!**



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Full House at Grand Opening!

Following our two soft opening weekends we pushed really hard to get the room looking as good as possible so we could hit our original **Grand Opening** target date of Halloween weekend. We did, and saw two prize pools over \$1,200 during our fantastic Grand Opening weekend!

Our first official tournament at 7:30pm on Friday 10/29 had an even better turnout than expected. We served Greek food on the colonnade before thirty-five players participated in a single rebuy \$20+5 deep stack tournament. Eight rebuys and 25 add-ons later, Anne, Mizra,



On Halloween Night we had the most crazy **FREEROLL Rampage** is what we call it, and players can rebuy or add-on up to the chip leader's stack at anytime for the first hour. There were 20 players to

start, and we saw 114 add-ons (\$10 per 1,000 chips) during the first hour of play. The prize pool was \$1,240 and ended up being chopped 3 ways for \$375 each. AaronO was the big winner, claiming **\$55 JacKa\$h** bounties from the 11 players he felted, as well as winning **\$15 cash** from **Wicked Witch Bonus** hands.

Halloween is a one of the most fun holidays. It's my personal favorite! And we are happy to be able to celebrate The Tilted Jack's Anniversary every Halloween going forward. Nothing like starting a tradition! Good luck all! ♠

— Written by John Schnaubelt



Nate and Kera evenly chopped the \$1,210 prize pool.

Saturday afternoon we hosted a 25-man \$20+5 no rebuy splash pot tournament that Alex won. Saturday night we had a 2-table tournament which Noreen won \$215 chopping with Mizra.



Double or Nothing Sit-And-Gos

This article is part one of a two-part article to be continued next month.

— Written by Dan Katz
Poker Daily News
2/25/2010

Meet The Founder



John Schnaubelt has a background in management, operations, data systems and marketing. John grew up in Wisconsin, attended Berklee College of Music on a scholarship (pianist) and a job with a real estate auction marketing company moved him to Arizona in 1991 where he met his wife Noreen (the Not-So-Silent). As a licensed gaming sub-contractor in the mid-90s, John worked as an advertising design sub-contractor for Gila River Casinos, Bucky's, Fort McDowell and several out-of-state casinos. Before opening The Tilted Jack, John started up the Poker Union brand and spent two years studying similar clubs and the legal issues involved. "We truly believe that The Tilted Jack will be the best private poker club in the Valley. Once we have 100 members, we plan on voting to operate as a non-profit social club co-operative, where every member is equal owner with equal vote. We believe that The Tilted Jack epitomizes social gambling in Arizona and will be free from harassment, and in fact, we are already working with our state representatives and the City of Phoenix to license, tax and oversee our organization and others like it."

The Tilted Jack weekly tournament schedule should stay the same month-to-month, but we reserve Saturdays to try different things each month. In November, for example, our Saturday tournaments are a Splash Pot format. Splash pots also help us build our ring games – a crucial element to the long-term success of any poker club – by splashing JackKa\$h along with bonus chips for the tournaments.

In December, we would like to run multiple turbo Double or Nothing (DoN) Sit-and-Go tournaments on Saturdays. DoNs are fun, different, and all you have to do is survive half the field and get double your money back!

DoN Strategies differ from normal tournaments, so here are some common mistakes you should try to avoid:

Playing Too Many Hands Early

It is generally a good idea to play fairly tight in the early stages of a tournament. So, when I say that the most common mistake I see Double or Nothing players make is playing too many hands early, it sounds rather obvious. But I'm not talking about playing suited connectors or one-gap-pers too frequently. I'm talking about playing anything but the most premium of hands during the first couple levels.

To give an example, it makes perfect sense to play any pair early on in a regular Sit-and-Go, as long as you're not calling gigantic raises or anything with, say, deuces. You could flop a set and potentially win a significant pot. But it's dif-

ferent in a Double or Nothing. Most players are not going to stack off to you if you flop a monster. While there will always be a couple donks at the table, most of the players will have at least some idea that tighter is better. It is less likely that someone with top pair is going to get all their chips in post-flop in a Double or Nothing than it is in a standard tournament.

Even strong hands like A-Q, A-J, and Tens are suspect in the first couple rounds. When you start tossing chips around with those hands, you are getting yourself in too deep when it is likely that only those with better hands are going to tangle with you.

Calling Too Much

Double or Nothings are interesting in that at first glance, the value of chips seems counterintuitive. Players who are new to these games will think that since it's easier to cash when half the table makes the money, chips are not valuable. After all, you can have one ante left and still win. But in reality, chips are more valuable in a DoN than they are in a regular Sit-and-Go.

Why? Because DoNs are all about survival. They aren't about chip accumulation. In a regular Sit-and-Go, it can be well worth it to make some speculative calls in the hopes of scooping a gigantic pot, as the goal is to build a large chip stack and outlast every single one of your opponents. There is an extra reward for coming in first place rather than second and second rather than

third. In a DoN, while accumulating chips definitely helps (I won't turn down an easy chip stack double-up), you don't need to collect all the chips to win. All you need to do is to survive.

I often see players ignoring this fact and making loose calls in DoNs, particularly in the middle stages. What this does is whittle your stack down very quickly when the reward for hitting your hand isn't necessarily that great. Say you're down to 1,200 chips from the starting 1,500 and at the 50/100 blind level, you decide to call a pre-flop raise to 300. You flop a solid draw and decide to call another 300 chip bet on the flop. Here's the problem. What if the turn is a brick? You're down to 600 chips and pretty much have to bail on the hand. And typically at this stage, there are still eight players left in a ten player DoN, so you don't have much chance to get past three more players.

Remember, you need to leave yourself some fold equity. 600 chips might give you that, but at that point, you will need to find a hand worth pushing, and find it fast. In those middle stages, you really should not be entering a pot without raising. The blinds and antes are very much worth stealing and you aren't going to be able to get them by calling. All you need to do is survive. Blind stealing can help you do this, but you can't go losing your fold equity by making iffy calls all over the place. ♠

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More Grand Opening Weekend Pix!



September 3, 2010



October 29th, 2010



POKER PLAYERS KNOW OTHER POKER PLAYERS

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EACH NEW MEMBER THAT YOU REFER
TO THE TILTED JACK EARNS YOU ONE ENTRY
INTO OUR **\$200 BONUS DRAWING** 12/31!

On **New Year's Eve** we will randomly draw 10 names.
Each name drawn will be able to select one of ten envelopes,
which each hold \$10 to \$50. Need not be present to win.

Winners will be notified and have through the month
of January to collect their prize money. Win more than once!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Existing Member Name: _____
New Member Name: _____
Date: _____ (Only the first referral for a
new member will count).

WIN A FREEROLL!

Enter The Tilted Jack's weekly NFL Pick'Em contest and you'll not only win 100% of the prize pool, but a \$20 freeroll on the house! Go Packers!



Shall we do a monthly points race? Aces Cracked? High Hand of the Week? Bad Beat Jackpot? Monster Hand Bonus? We'll talk about it at our next monthly meeting: Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at 2pm at The Tilted Jack. All members are invited to come and exercise their right to equal voice!

MONSTER HAND BONUS

HIGH HAND (OF THE WEEK)

ACES CRACKED



Let's talk about how we can send one or more TTJ members to the WSOP in 2011 too!

Co-operative ownership in The Tilted Jack... where every member is equal owner with equal vote has, and continues to be, our organizational goal. We need 100 members and a 60% majority vote to apply as a federally-registered co-operative. We'll talk more about this concept more very soon.

Searching for \$1,000+ prize pools?

Lots of people don't care for rebuy tournaments so we try to mix up our weekly schedule to provide a good balance of no rebuy, single rebuy and unlimited rebuy options.



The biggest benefit of a rebuy tournament is that it builds a big prize pool. Our **Sunday FREEROLL Rebuy Rampage** is surely the *craziest* and *most fun* poker tournament you've ever played in!

Rampage plays like a cash game for the first hour. Players may, at any time between hands, rebuy or add on – up to the chip leader's stack – 1000 chip



increments cost \$10 each. A 3+ hour grind, 20 players put over 150,000 chips in play at our Sunday night game during our Grand Opening weekend, building an incredible prize pool of \$1,240!

We also saw a \$1,210 prize pool at our first regular Friday night tournament too!

Two \$1,200+ prize pools in one weekend is impressive, especially considering the fact that these tournaments were a standard \$20+5 buyin and a FREEROLL! Come play Sunday night and experience Rebuy Rampage for yourself! It's the most fun you can have on felt. Well, almost. ♠

— Written by Thomas Jackson



Starting Hands

This is one of many tables that attempts to rank the 1,326 (52*51/2) possible starting hands in Texas Hold'em.

KNOW A BEGINNER?
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Sundays @ 2pm
RSVP 480-694-7292

UNSUITED? Start here with high card

	A	K	Q	J	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
A	1	1	2	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
K	2	1	2	3	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Q	3	4	1	3	4	5	7						
J	4	5	5	1	3	4	6	8					
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SUITED? Start here with high card

All players must be members of The Tilted Jack. \$20 Lifetime Memberships are currently a \$6 Transfer if already a member of another club or room. You must be 21 to play professional poker at The Tilted Jack.