

South African Poker

Exciting times are ahead for fans of South African Poker. With the very recent signing by Present Mbeki of the National Gambling Amendment Bill, there is nothing standing in the way of poker in South Africa soaring to the extraordinary heights it has done in many other parts of the world.

Since the very first South African poker millionaire was created in 2006 when Christopher Convery took down the 4th All Africa Poker Tournament and walked away with R1,000,000 in his back pocket, the popularity of poker in South Africa has rocketed. The intoxicating mix of overnight riches, instant fame and celebrity status that poker bestows upon its successful players has enticed South Africans in their droves to the tables. Several high profile South African players such as R+B superstar Danny K are bringing a celebrity aspect and more than a touch of glamour to the game which is generating yet further interest in the game for many.

Growing international success of South African poker players such as Ray Rahme who managed to take third place in the 2007 World Series of Poker and win well over \$1,000,000 has created yet further buzz around the game, and served to highlight South Africa as a blossoming global poker hotspot. Additionally, the spiraling prize pools of events such as the All Africa Poker Championship and the Sun City Million Dollar Tournament are attracting world class players from across the world and has helped establish South Africa on the international poker stage.

Springbok Poker was developed to meet the growing demand of a dedicated South African poker portal. As well as being able to play against fellow South Africans, it acts as a central point for the South African poker community to gather, exchange tips and learn from each other through the buzzing forums. Poker players throughout the country are delighted to finally have a dedicated South African poker resource which was sorely lacking previously.

With the rising popularity, high standard of play and international attention that has been brought to the game in South Africa, will it be too long before we are seeing a WSOP Africa? You'll have to watch this space!

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