

Howard Lederer

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The steepest improvement he saw in his game was when he joined the now famous Mayfair Club, where fellow poker compatriots such as Eric Seidel and Dan Harrington were members. He became part of the inner circle and was amongst the first to experiment with Texas Hold 'Em when it was introduced in the 1980's. The nightly games would finish around 2am and would be followed by lively discussion in their favourite New York bar. All learning together they were able to elevate each other's game. He prefers to play a calculated, methodical game of poker and his math abilities typically gives him an advantage over most of his opponents.

Lederer began helping his sister Annie Duke to play and eventually encouraged her to enter the WSOP tournament with him. She has since gone on to become the most successful female player and has knocked her brother out the WSOP on 3 occasions. In 1994, the pair made history by being the first ever brother and sister duo to compete on the final table.

In order to improve his game, Lederer moved to Las Vegas in 1993 where he continued to play heavily. In 1994 he picked up his first title by winning the \$2,500 No-Limit Deuce to Seven Draw event at the Hall of Fame Poker Classic, a title he then successfully defended in 1995. 2000 and 2001 saw Lederer pick up his 2 WSOP bracelets, and since then he has also notched up 2 World Poker Tour Champion titles, and 3 Bellagio wins.

Nowadays, Howard enjoys providing commentary and analysis on FullTiltPoker.Net's Learn from the Pros and FSN's Poker Superstars Invitational Tournament, lending credence to his nickname, "The Professor."

Further cementing his nickname, Howard enjoys running a Poker Fantasy Camp where people can play with and learn from the best in the game. Away from the table, Howard enjoys family life in Las Vegas with his wife Suzie and son Mattias, and can often be found at the movies, concerts, or on the golf course.

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