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**3 Card Poker: A Big Deal!**

**By Mike F. Prince**

Poker mania has practically swept over the nation. Our neighbors love to play cards and we get

together often to have a few drinks and snacks and to play cards. My neighbor's wife has an attitude similar to mine when it comes to playing cards. A card game provides a convenient excuse to meet up. I do not mind whether we play 3 card poker or crazy 8's, I am there for the drinks, good food and gossip.

It seems every time my neighbor starts losing at a particular game we have to start learning another one. The latest game that he persuaded us to try is 3 card pokers. I have encountered difficulty in learning how to place bets with other poker games, but he kept telling me that this is one of the easiest pokers ever. The neighbor said all the equipment we needed to play 3 card pokers was a standard deck of fifty two playing cards. He said that 3 card pokers involve two different games that are played simultaneously. I thought this sounded pretty complex, but he assured me that one of the games requires no particular skill at all, the dealers hand is immaterial and there is no discarding. It was like child's play, he said.

Well, considering that losers merely give up potato chips and not money I was thrilled to try something new. I was not alone. My husband had never played 3 card pokers before either. We teased my neighbor that he only wanted to play 3 card pokers to increase his own chances of winning in a game with three other people who had never heard of it before. He said the game had been around forever and was also called tri-card poker. Now, none of us had heard of tri-card poker either but it did not matter.

We started playing and at first it seemed that something must be amiss because it was extremely easy to learn. By the third round we all had mastered the 3 card poker and my neighbor's wife was accumulating almost a mountain of chips. After playing for 45 minutes our neighbor decided that we should switch games again. His reason was that he thought it was too simple of a game to be playing. The real reason, we suggested, was that his wife had most of the chips while he did not have any! We decided to return to one of our other favorite games, but I am sure that some time in the near future we will try 3 card poker again because playing it was really fun and easy. Don't you want to try?

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### **How To Play Poker**

**By Adel Awwad**

Without question, Poker is the most common card game in Las Vegas and Internet casinos. Learning how to play Poker is essential for anyone looking to have fun and make some money at casinos. Once you learn the basics of how to play Poker, you can practice online and play for fun. The basic rules for most variations of Poker are the same, so learning how to play Poker will allow you to change your game and get more enjoyment from your play time. Many people learn how to play Poker by participating in home games, visiting internet casinos or watching live Poker tournaments like the World Series of Poker. A few basic rules will get you on your way.

The first step in learning how to play Poker is to memorize the hand ranking. The object of Poker in just about every variation is to form the highest possible five-card hand. From highest to lowest, the order of Poker hands is Royal Flush, Straight Flush, Four of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, Three of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair, and High Card. Before you figure out any other rules of how to play Poker, you should know the hand ranking off the top of your head so you can concentrate on the game.

There is more to learning how to play Poker than hand ranking. You should also familiarize yourself with the various types of Poker that are commonly played in casinos. Stud Poker, which is usually some variation of five-card or seven-card stud, is a Poker game where you try to make the best possible hands from the cards you are dealt. Variations of seven-card stud, such as Omaha and Texas Hold `Em, are more common than five-card stud because with seven cards, the game relies more on skill than luck.

Draw Poker is another type of game you should investigate in learning how to play Poker. Most casinos don't offer draw Poker because the odds are excellent for players, but you can find draw Poker games in many for-credit Internet casinos. In draw Poker, depending on the game variation, you can discard a certain number of cards after the initial deal and get that many new cards to make the best possible hand.

Knowing how to play Poker will let you participate in the most exciting card game around. After you learn how to play Poker, you can work on your bluffing skills (actions you can use against live

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opponents to make them think your cards are better than theirs so they will fold, or withdraw from the game) and maybe even find yourself with a seat at the World Series of Poker. Practice your Poker skills online or with friends so you can learn all the tricks about how to play Poker.

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