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## Greetings and Welcome

to the millions of casino players worldwide who enjoy the gaming experience.

Casino Players Workshop & Seminars--publishers and author Gayle Mitchell is pleased to present this free Gambling Ebook Preview.

We have packaged all current Ebook titles into one Ebook preview.

The goal is to provide a free sneak peek preview for casino visitors interested in joining the elite group of educated, intelligent players who enjoy profitable casino visits.

Each of the titles is represented by a section to include the cover, Introduction, excerpts and Table of Contents for your consideration and gaming education.

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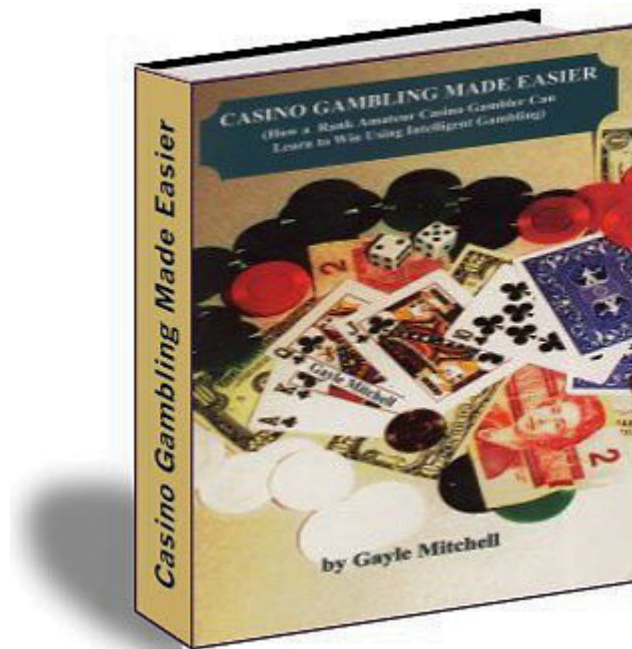
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***CASINO GAMBLING MADE EASIER***  
***(How a Rank Amateur Casino Gambler Can Learn to Win Using Intelligent Gambling)***

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## Introduction

My casino gambling education began in 1990 when I lived in Phoenix and traveled to Las Vegas for the first time. Our son was driving along the Strip and, just before making a left turn onto Fremont Street, he announced, "Prepare to be blinded." And blinded we were, from the very first hotel all the way down to Union Plaza's thousand lights at the end of the street.

The excitement made my heart pound and I laughed out loud. I could not wait to park so I could drink in all the excitement of Las Vegas.

I've often said that I want to see the world before I leave this earth. To fulfill this goal, my husband and I have done a lot of traveling.

However, nothing I had seen before could have prepared me for the city of Las Vegas. It was pulsating, seductive. I didn't want to sleep. I just wanted more of everything the city had to offer.

At Fitzgerald's I had my first slot machine experience. It was at a 25¢ machine that took up to five coins. I played two quarters and hit the jackpot—\$250. Not bad for a beginner. I would have won \$1,000 if I had played just three more coins.

That was my first gambling lesson--Play the maximum coins at all times.

The roulette tables were like magnets, drawing me closer. (I still can't pass those spinning wheels without checking out the action.) At a quarter table, I noticed a man tossing a chip in the air before every spin. Wherever the chip landed, that was his bet for the spin. I thought, "You call that a system?" I wondered if people really know what they are doing when they gamble.

Next, I wandered by the blackjack table. Now, I knew basic blackjack, but I did not know Vegas rules. So I made a mental note to brush up on the game and try it some other time.

I also knew nothing about craps and baccarat. Video poker looked too complicated, so I played slots only. Later, I found out that slots is the game most Vegas gamblers play. That little bit of 'insider information' touched off my curiosity. After that, I wanted to learn more about everything casino gambling had to offer.

Recognizing that I was uneducated about gambling, I decided to go home, start reading and begin practicing. I knew I would come back to Las Vegas, and I wanted to have even more fun the next time. I wanted to get educated. And I did just that!

According to one statistic, less than 2% of casino players worldwide are educated and knowledgeable about such basics as the best bets in a casino, percentages and the rules and techniques for playing casino games.

This statistic made me wonder: Why do so many people who are normally informed consumers throw away their hard-earned money on something they know so little about? These are the same people who will take the time to clip coupons, comparison shop and read consumer news just to try to save a few

dollars. Yet they lose bundles at casinos because they are simply uneducated.

As I did my research and acquired more knowledge, I became even more determined to guide other casino gamblers ‘out of the woods.’

That determination led me to write this book, followed by five more books, E-books and booklets plus I continued teaching Intelligent Gambling and Wager Management and Hot Slots seminars.

I also accepted the challenge of becoming the Editor of three gambling newsletters--Casino Players Ezine, The Slots Report and Casino Travel Showcase.

My goal was and still is, to increase the percentage of gamblers who are educated. The number now is only 2%. I want it to be much higher.

With this Ebook in hand, you are now on your way to getting the education that is sorely lacking in 98% of casino gamblers.

You are about to learn the Four D’s of better playing: Development (education, studying, reading, listening, watching the best games and being committed to ongoing learning). Dexterity (skills, techniques and methods for playing casino games). Discipline (an absolute must for all gamblers) and Diversification (being able to play more than one type of game, and preferably being able to play all five of the best games in a casino).

No gambling education would be complete without a visit to our favorite place, Las Vegas.

So this Ebook also includes a list of the ‘bests’ in Las Vegas and Laughlin.

You’ll also read about comps (freebies) and how to get them.

When you master the best games and use the lowest-cost strategies to play, you will enjoy your stay in any gaming location anywhere in the world.

This Ebook covers those strategies, and it also shows you how to take advantage of the odds and percentages of different casino games.

Normally, casinos ‘hold all the cards,’ so to speak, with high odds against gamblers winning.

There are ways, discussed in this Ebook, to restack those odds in your favor.

With short-term play, for example, the law of averages does not have time to kick in and a knowledgeable player has a good chance of overcoming the casino’s stranglehold.

You don’t have to be brainy or rich to take up the casino challenge in a fair fight. That’s the beauty of the low-cost strategies you will discover in this Ebook.

You do need to learn before you play, so you can build what I call your Intelligent Gambling (I.G.) Quotient.

With a high I.G. Quotient, you can get the edge!

Excerpts from *Casino Gambling Made Easier* Ebook follows:

## **The Five Best Bets in a Casino**

Enter the casino showroom and take a good look at your surroundings.

You will see lights, action, people coming and going, no clocks, free drinks, plus lots of slots and gaming tables. It's all designed to lure you inside, get you playing and keep you playing.

Sometimes I think they even pump oxygen into the air to keep the players playing. How often have you received a second, third or fourth wind while gambling, so you could play for hours without getting tired?

Of course, the biggest lure of all in a casino are the chips. These red, white, green and black pieces look like 'funny money.' You may be tempted to think you are playing an innocent game, such as Monopoly. Those chips represent real money...your money. Respect them just as you would a real \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 bill.

When you walk into a casino, your plan is to observe and shop for value. It's like buying a car. You don't buy the first car you see, you shop around. Do the same in the casino.

Don't hit the first slot machine you see. (You will learn where to look for the best slots a little later in this Ebook.)

After you look around, test-drive a few of the games. Then you can make the best, most profitable deal with your hard-earned money.

As a gambler with a high Intelligent Gambling Quotient, you will know that a casino has five 'models' that are good bets.

These five best games are certain slots, video poker, blackjack, craps and baccarat. They have the smallest casino advantage of less than 3% when played correctly.

Your goal is to always try to keep the casino edge less than this figure.

Percentages play a big part in our choice of these five games, and we will be discussing more about percentages as we go along in this Ebook.

We also will cover correct strategies and skills (Dexterity) for each of these five superior games. And when you learn and can play all five, you are practicing Diversification.

Now, let's start our in-depth look at these five great games and how to play them to your best advantage.

## **Worst Bets—Stay Away From These!**

No matter how much you like the games listed below, I suggest you stay away from them. They spell disaster for your pocketbook.

They are all the worst bets in the house, and I have the percentages to prove it.

**Worst Bet #1: The Big Wheel.** The house edge here is 15%. This game (which is really just a big money maker for the casino) is usually found at the casino exits and entrances. On the Big Wheel with pictures of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills, you put your money down and hope to match the spin of the wheel. Don't take 'this spin'!

**Worst Bet #2: Caribbean Stud Poker.** The worst aspect of this game is the growing progressive meter with a \$1 wager that leaves you hoping for a natural royal flush.

At 650,000 to 1 odds of hitting that, this game is just way too expensive.

**Worst Bet #3: Keno.** Definitely stay away from this game! The casinos really want you to play keno; just look at how much floor space they devote to the game. Could this be because the casino advantage starts at 25%—the highest percentage hold of any casino game? Of course, with one of those huge keno jackpots, I could buy a Jaguar—the car of my dreams. But the chances of hitting a keno jackpot are astronomical, and the cost of trying is much too high.

**Worst Bet #4: Any proposition bet on a craps table.** This includes field bets, hardways and the Big 6 and 8.

The house advantage with these starts at 9% and goes up to 16%.

**Worst Bet #5: Straight slots that have less than a 98% payback.**

**Worst Bet #6: Video poker with no strategy.** Random play increases the casino's advantage way above 3%.

**Worst Bet #7: Blackjack without basic strategy.** Don't give the house an advantage of more than 5%.

You'll notice that some of the games mentioned—craps, slots, video poker and blackjack—also are on our recommended list of the five best bets in a casino.

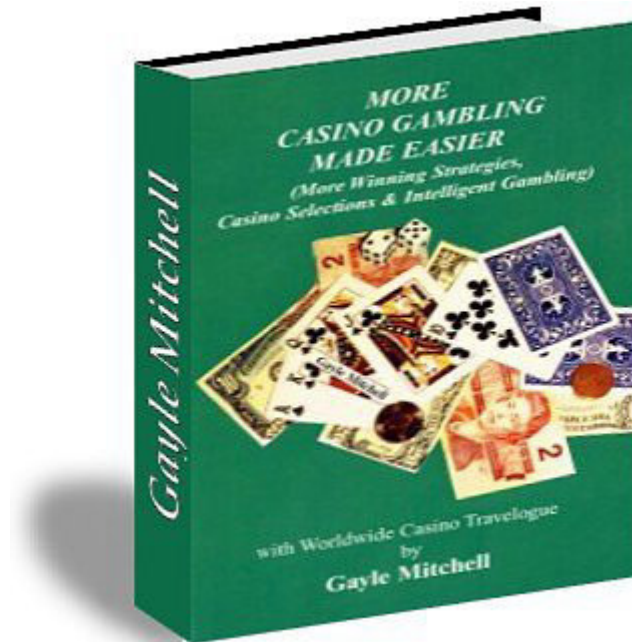
The difference is in how you play them. Intelligent gamblers will know how to play these games to get the most value for their money.

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## ***MORE CASINO GAMBLING MADE EASIER***

***(More Winning Strategies, Casino Selections &  
Intelligent Gambling)  
with Worldwide Casino Travelogue***

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## Introduction

Thanks to readers' and fans' responses to my first book *Casino Gambling Made Easier* plus more gambling information gathered since then, I am back with *More Casino Gambling Made Easier (More Winning Strategies, Casino Selections, and Intelligent Gambling)*.

Although the target audience for the first book was women, I have been pleasantly surprised with sales of 60% women and 40% men.

Thanks, guys, for the vote of confidence.

This reflects the growing number of gamblers who are seeking an education and want to be intelligent players, battling the statistics that yield a very low percentage of casino players who know what they are doing.

My goal is to write and present seminars to primarily educate and prepare casino gamblers in order that intelligent decisions can be made for a profitable casino experience. That's what you call providing the *able* before the *profit*.

Players should aim for those games that have less than a 3% casino advantage, allowing an opportunity for a positive expectation and winnings.

To assist readers, I have expanded the 5 best bets to 10 best bets including Pai-Gow poker, live poker and sports betting. More information is included for the previous 5 best bets: video poker, craps, blackjack, baccarat, and certain slots.

Bingo, and specific roulette strategies with an updated worst bets list will round out your betting choices.

As before, and unlike other gambling books, only those casino games that have a house edge or advantage of less than 3% are targeted.

It is not my intent to waste your time with inferior games that will not be beneficial to your casino education or your bank account. I have found that similar to any educational training, readers of how-to gambling books want to learn only those essentials - just the facts, ma'am - that will prepare them for the jungle out there, or in this case, any casino.

Make it an easy read and keep the math, charts and percentages to a bare minimum, which I have done.

The 10 best bets should be studied and practiced at home.

Be truly diversified and master most or all of the games allowing you the envious advantage of moving confidently from one game to another, a superiority over other gamblers and the casinos.

Casino gambling is now an international happening, so let's expand our horizons beyond Nevada to include Atlantic City, Mississippi state, Foxwoods, Canada and International casinos around the world.

Pack your bags and take flight because this book will take you there with confidence and knowledge.

The best casino payouts across America, according to published results for all slots (including slots, video poker, keno & video blackjack), are made known here.

The latest on Internet gambling is discussed. Also, during research for the book, I got my name on plenty of mailing lists for gambling ‘offers,’ that has led me to write about scams and how to avoid them.

Plus, your security in a casino is discussed.

My most enjoyable experience in writing this book was reading through the readers’ questionnaires. Those comments and questions were the major reason that I have written this second book, and huge thank you’s go out for the kind praises.

Readers were able to make their money last longer, win consistently and have more fun at their casino experiences.

The best players are those people who have a rigid game plan that entails pacing, self-control, and an education of the proper strategies and games to play.

The biggest difference in casino gamblers does not come down to their gender or age, but in their ‘casino know-how.’

One constant you can bet on: the intelligent, educated, prepared player will always deservedly be the biggest winner.

Doing research for this book took me to some new casinos, and re-visits to old haunts, but hey, somebody’s got to do it, right?

The last word in the book is mine as I continue my mission of teaching and speaking about intelligent casino gambling.

And now for a second chance at your casino gambling education.

Excerpts from *More Casino Gambling Made Easier* Ebook follows:

## THE TEN BEST BETS IN A CASINO

I believe that any second book should present new information and compliment the first and with that in mind, I have expanded the Best Bets List from 5 to 10 Best Bets/Games.

During the last few months, I have certainly increased my casino gambling knowledge and education, learning a lot from listening to readers, gambling professionals and visiting many casinos (strictly for research, of course, ha, ha) to search out the newest games, taking time to chat up casino personnel and gamblers.

During research, I invariably wanted to know the house advantage (or PC = percentage casino) of any new games or versions—take-offs of previous games that were in the first book.

In keeping with tradition, the second book will only offer specific strategies for casino games that, when played correctly, will have a casino advantage of less than 3%, which will continue to be the goal of this author, and educated gamblers.

With ten best bets in the hands of intelligent, educated gamblers, they are provided the envious advantage of diversification—moving confidently from one game to another, with the knowledge and tools to be prepared and profit from the casino experience.

Following is the list of the ten best bets in any casino:

- 1) **Certain Slot Machines:** Finding the Slot of Your Dreams.
- 2) **Video Poker:** this chapter has been expanded to include the newer versions, and loads of new information about this ever-changing game that is fast becoming the most popular casino game, and certainly the ‘best of the machine bets’.
- 3) **Blackjack:** more information for the beleaguered blackjack player.
- 4) **Craps:** more interested players, thus more information.
- 5) **Baccarat, Mini-Baccarat** and European games and rules are included.
- 6) **Roulette:** single zero, strategies and systems.
- 7) **Pai Gow Poker:** another choice for card-players.
- 8) **Live Poker and 3-Card Poker** are in the cards.
- 9) **Bingo:** always a popular game but now in the Top 10.
- 10) **Sports Book:** Sports fans know this profitable bet.

Let the games begin...onward to the casino floor.

## *from Worldwide Casino Travelogue: Europe*

All the following are internationally renown and the clientele the same.

Jet-set, new and old money, rock stars, superstars. Celebrity spotting is not uncommon, especially for the common folk at these casino palaces.

Monaco: The ultimate European experience would have to be Monaco, the little principality tucked away on the French Riviera, and its capital, Monte Carlo, where 4 casino selections await you. The playground for the rich and famous and the rest of us.

Monaco is divided by the harbor facing the blue Mediterranean, the two areas being Monaco Ville, also known as the Rock, the old medieval city housing Prince Rainier's palace, and our targeted destination of Monte Carlo.

Opening hours are posted; however, closing times are not as casinos will remain open as long as gamblers would like to play.

Casino de Monte Carlo: Place du Casino, Monte Carlo 98007, in the heart of Monte Carlo. T: 33-9350-6931. EY, PS, G=B, BJ, CR, PB, RL, SL.

Built in 1863 in 'royal' style, period decorations. Bohemian glass chandeliers, rococo ceiling, lots of marble, gold fixtures with tables of the finest wood and intricate design.

'Belle Époque' architecture was popular during the reign of Napoleon III.

Entering to the Atrium with its 28 Ionic columns and across the Renaissance Hall to the main gambling hall that is divided into rooms or salles.

European Room opens at noon for roulette, baccarat, chemin-de-fer and 30-40.

The American Room opens at 10 a.m. offering slots.

Rose Hall is a lively room set aside for video poker players.

Prive Salons (private salons) featuring baccarat and chemin de fer. Opening times are 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. Salon Super Prive by appointment only.

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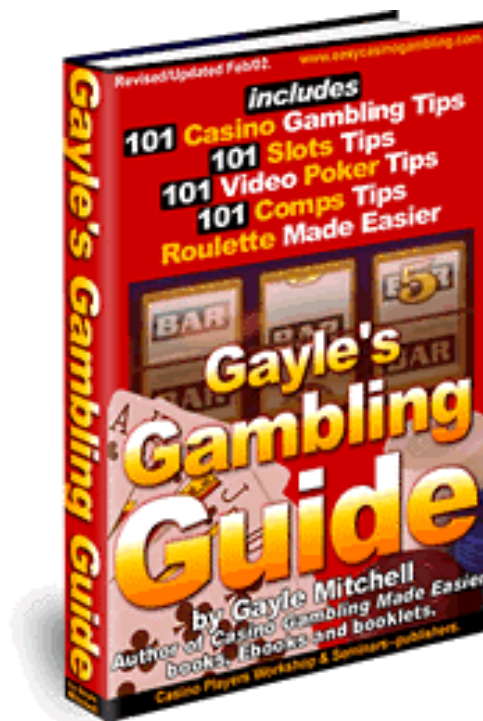
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## ***GAYLE'S GAMBLING GUIDE***

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## Introduction

Hello and welcome to all players whose #1 entertainment choice is the excitement of casino gaming.

You have made a wise decision to join the elite group of educated, intelligent players who now profit from their casino visits.

At Casino Players Workshop & Seminars, our goal is to educate and prepare casino gamblers.

When we released our Casino Gambling Tips booklets, we received rave reviews for these handy pocket-size guides. We were the first gaming publishers to bring casino players this original product.

Casino Gamblers were offered an instant mini-education for slots, video poker, roulette, table games and became knowledgeable about the true value of playing the comps game.

We found that our clients loved the idea of ‘bites’ of information available at their fingertips in this convenient format.

Little did we know that we would hit another first in the gaming publishing world with the conversion and revision of the five booklets into an Ebook format.

You are now presented with ‘bytes’ of information in five chapters so that you, too, can learn winning strategies, best casino selections and intelligent gambling.

An excerpt from *101 Slots Tips*, *101 Video Poker Tips* and *101 Comps Tips* chapters of *Gayle's Gambling Guide* Ebook follows:

## **SLOT TERMS**

- 1) RNG -- Random Number Generator, a computer chip inside the slot that randomly selects numbers and symbols, even when the machine is idle.
- 2) Slot Schedule: Posted information on front of slot tells you what type of slot, denomination and win amounts possible for each coin/line played.
- 3) Loose Slots: are programmed for better payouts.
- 4) Tight Slots: The reverse of Loose Slots.
- 5) Up/Down Slot Cycle: Slot's average payoff percentage rate applies over the long haul, as long as one year.
- 6) Slots Drop: Amount of money through the slot.
- 7) Slots Hold: Amount not paid out as wins; these two numbers determine a slot's payout %.
- 8) Slot-Mix or Placement: Usually, looser slots are placed in high-traffic areas.
- 9) Slot Types/Versions: Basic--straight or 'flat-top' slots with a single payline that has a constant top jackpot.
- 10) Multiplier 'Wild' Slots: Reel slots that pay bonus credits for wild symbols, scatter pays and free spins. Max. coin play is mandatory for a jackpot win.
- 11) Progressive Slots: Offer increasing jackpot \$\$ dependent upon amount of monies played through the linked bank/carousel of slots.
- 12) CALL ATTENDANT: The slot of your dreams has just lined up a hand-pay. You scream, jump up and down and wait for those bills to arrive.

## *from 101 Video Poker Tips*

### JACKS OR BETTER (JACKS+)

- 1) Best full-pay: 9 coins for full-house, 6 coins for a flush as designated under one coin line.
- 2) Ace is not the most important card.
- 3) Don't keep a kicker with a high pair.

### DEUCES WILD

- 4) Play 9/5 DW full-pay: 9 coins for Straight Flush and 5 coins for 4/kind.
- 5) Almost 20% of the time you will toss all five cards.

### JOKERS WILD

- 6) Play 7/5: 7 coins for a full-house and 5 coins for a flush, Kings + = full pay Jokers Wild.
- 7) Go for a Straight Flush when possible for the higher return with a wild card.

### GENERAL VP TIPS

- 8) Learn how to read pay schedules; know the difference between full-pay and short-pay.
- 9) Learn optimum strategy for each VP version.
- 10) Worst VP payouts: Deuces/Jokers Wild version.
- 11) If you don't play maximum coins on a VP quarter version, the return for hitting a Royal Flush with one coin in play is 250 coins = \$67.50.  
However, nickels at max. = 25¢ per hand, a Royal Flush pays 4000 coins = \$200. This is a better wager management play.
- 12) If you play internet video poker, make sure they are full-pay schedules or pass.

Video Poker is one of my favorite casino games and I have written the book *Video Poker Made Easier* for VP players that take this game seriously.

Much more detailed information and accurate strategies for all the versions is presented: the *easy* way.

*from 101 COMPS TIPS*

LET'S PLAY THE COMPS GAME

- 1) Comps or complimentaries for rooms, food, beverages and other goodies are the Free compensation from casinos for your loyalty.
- 2) Your pass for these freebies is the casino slot club card issued to you Free.
- 3) Read the casinos' slot club literature to determine the best card value.
- 4) Sign up for all slot club cards even if you don't intend to use them.  
Later, watch for casino promotional mail offers you can't refuse.
- 5) Table players should get a card even if they don't play the machines--for the benefits.
- 6) Table players can be rated with their slot card in some casinos.  
Otherwise, table players must ask to be rated before they start to play.
- 7) Ask about cash rebates. This is a top benefit.
- 8) Introduce yourself to the slot host.
- 9) The value of comps reduces cost of gambling and will stretch your bankroll.
- 10) Slot players get more points awarded.
- 11) 9/6 Video Poker players can play a 100%+ payback game when value of comp points is included.
- 12) All *Casino Gambling Made Easier* books offer comp information plus a detailed report is found in the book *All Slots Made Easier*.

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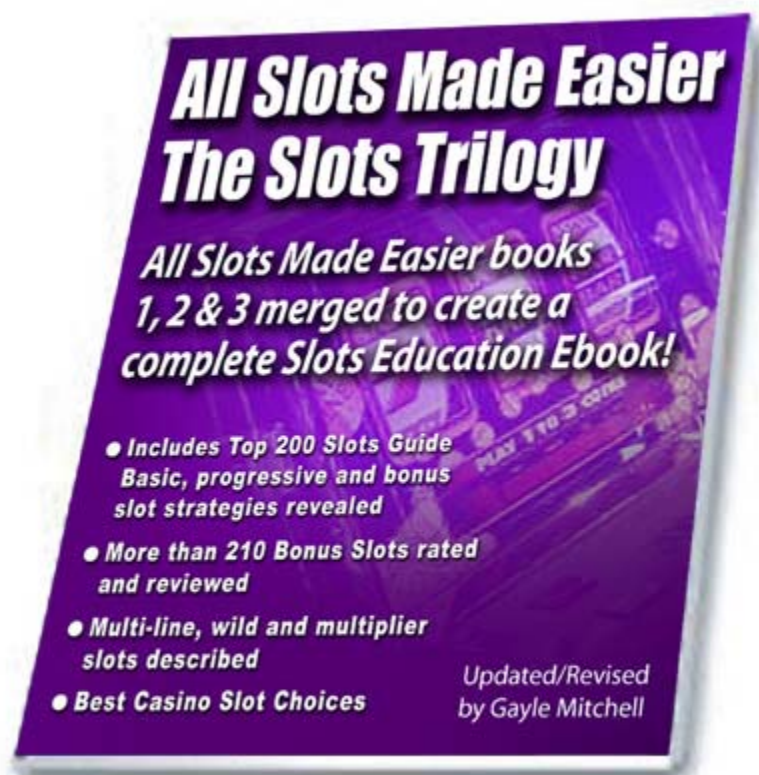
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**ALL SLOTS MADE EASIER:  
The Slots Trilogy  
Ebook**



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## INTRODUCTION

It's finally arrived! An Ebook that merges all three of the *All Slots Made Easier* books into one comprehensive format. This has been a project of mine since the completion of the Slots Trilogy in print.

At Casino Players Workshop & Seminars—publishers, we not only wanted to expand your slots education by presenting more information, but give you value for your money.

That 'more information' includes extra articles, a slots quiz and 35 additional bonus slot reviews that brings the grand total of reviews in this Ebook to 214 versions.

Realizing that Ebooks are new and foreign to some of our readers, we designed this publication utilizing an easy-to-read font with the option to print out a copy of your own.

Our aim was to illustrate that *Casino Gambling Made Easier* is more than just the name our product line

Your Slots Education course outline begins with a quiz to test your knowledge followed by each of three slots books, Parts 101, 201 and 301, if you will, concluding with additional slot reviews and your graduation.

Continuing education is recommended and provided via our free newsletter, Casino Players Ezine published twice/month. You can subscribe at our website: [www.easycasinogambling.com](http://www.easycasinogambling.com)

We begin with a true story, The Slots Wager that I wrote some time ago that will explain why I write and play the slots.

As I say in our newsletter...Enjoy your read.

### The Slots Wager

"Slots", he scoffed, but then I had heard it all before. "You call yourself a gambling expert yet you suggest, in your books, that slots are one of the better bets in the casino?"

Sam is a blackjack player, an educated card counter and 'grind' player extraordinaire. I patiently asked what he earned per hour on an average night? Using the previous evening as an average he replied, "\$80/hour for 4 hours play or \$320."

The wager was about to begin: "I will play dollar slots for four hours with a starting bankroll of \$200, and if I win more than \$320, you will play slots with me for 1 hour and receive a slots education---deal?". I knew that if he lost, the payback of playing a game he hated would be a far worse scenario than handing over any amount of money to me.

The first 2 hours found me with only \$100 ahead, but I wasn't worried. I was enjoying myself free of the pressures of any blackjack or craps 'grind' player who must master total concentration with thought processes totally focused on their current hand/dealer hand or roll of the dice - ouch, that hurts! Then there are the card counters who constantly need to 'not look like' they are counting cards.

Yes, I'll admit that the casino has a house advantage with slots, however learning and knowing valuable information that can help determine if and how I play certain slots has served me well in the past. I continue my quest as before, by observing casino slot locations, slot types and payouts.

Many versions are spread before me: Multiplier, Bonus Multiplier, Wild Multiplier, Buy Your Pay, and Double Machines. I always start any slot session by seeking out Double, Triple Diamond, and RWB 7's and analyzing their location before playing. Slot Testing is recommended before continued play on any chosen slot.

I stayed away from Progressives for this wager, as a larger bankroll was required; besides the newer Bonus Slots were calling. Monopoly, Elvis and Reel 'Em In bonus slots completed my last hour of play to put me over the top.



Sam met me at the casino entrance and as I showed him \$645, I asked if he would like a drink before our slots education class. I figured he needed one; but I did not rub salt in the wound by relating to him that I normally charge for a 'Hot Slots' seminar; advice he was getting for free. Far be it from me to gloat!

Turns out, he warmed to Double Diamond, RWB 7's and Monopoly - not a sore loser but no convert, I'm sure.

Now I know that a certain amount of luck was involved in this wager, but I still contend that there are specific strategies that can be learned to improve your slot profits. Not all slots are alike. Slot machines sell 'the dream' - we know that, however you can improve your chances of attaining that dream whatever your current 'wish list' may be.

More than seventy percent of casino players participate in a slots competition as they take up the casino challenge. Why? Because we like the action, the adrenalin rush, the contest, and yes - the risk factor - we thrive on it: life is a risk. We want to shed our everyday routine for the fun and excitement of a comfortable, seductive surrounding that offers a possible payback and comps.

What other form of entertainment offers the player a return on their investment? Slots offer privacy, no intimidation factor and with new Bonus Slots; a varied slot selection that combine to create an exhilarating sensory casino experience.

Play with a game plan within your limits, but most important, have fun!

A Slots Quiz follows:

## SLOTS QUIZ

OK, Class, it's test time. I've created this quiz for novice and veteran slot players.

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We all need to upgrade our slots education to stay current, myself included.

I visit casinos at least once a week to get educated and work very hard researching any new versions or strategies. Tough work that must be done!

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C. Also known as slot-placement. Casino Management places different slot versions that are loose and tight on the casino floor, and yes, there is a 'science' to this method. Loose slots are to be found in high traffic areas that can be seen by 'wannabe slot winners' from many angles in the casino.

- 6) What is a hold percentage?  
A Monies held by winning slot players?  
B % of coins held by casino?  
C % of coins through the slots?

B. Percentage of coins played that the casinos keep in their hot little hands. The looser 98% slots hold two dollars while returning 98 dollars to the player. But, hold on, that percentage is over the long term--perhaps months, while short-term play return percentages can bounce around more than a roulette ball.

- 7) Do some slots have a higher 'hit' frequency?  
A YES?  
B NO?  
C All the same?

A. With the introduction of the new bonus video slots, hit frequencies have been increased to a high of every 2-3 spins. While you don't always get your original bet back, these graphic-rich slots provide the most entertainment for your money. Wager management is the key here. It's not always wise to bet maximum coins every time and a higher hit frequency doth not necessarily a winning slot make.

- 8) What is a multiplier slot?  
A Slot that has multiple graphics and symbols?  
B Pays more for more coins played on certain winning combinations?  
C Multiplies your win no matter how many coins played?

B. Stated simply, the more coins played, the better the winning payouts. Particular symbol payouts, as per slot schedule, are multiplied by number of coins played. This can mean the difference between a 2-coin payout and a 10-coin payout for max. coin in play. So, 1 bar, 2 bars, 3 bars--oh yeah!

- 9) What is a nudge slot?  
A Wild Symbol combination pays?  
B A certain combination nudges you to the Bonus round?  
C Paying Symbol dropping up or down on center payline for win?

C. Come on baby, drop that paying symbol down and give mama a big win. It could be a basketball, diamond, cherry or wild symbol. You just need a little nudge up or down to that center payline and you're in the money.

- 10) What's a 'hit and run' winner?  
A Slot Player who plays new Baseball Bonus Slot?  
B Slot Player who uses a token slug, and grabs the payout?  
C Slot Player who plays 3-5 max. coin spins testing for payouts?

C. Slot players who 'test' a slot before continued play by spinning the reels 3-5 times with maximum coins in play each time. If there are no payouts during that period, you are outta there. By the way, suggest you not try B--the casinos don't like it.

- 11) What's a short win?  
A A small jackpot?  
B A win just before you are running out of money?  
C A large win with a small cash outlay?

C. This happens all the time. A large jackpot is hit with a minimal cash outlay. 15 bucks gets you \$1000's. Now that's a long win on a short chance. Take the money and run!

- 12) What is "flying solo"?  
A Gambling alone?  
B Slot Players who play one coin only.  
C Only winner of a progressive jackpot?

B. I call them 'onesies'. Slot players who play only one coin. I know I advocate wager management, but this is wager suicide. I suggest you drop down a denomination and play max. coins where at least you are in the running for the top jackpot without the 'slot bends' of missing out because you should have played just one more coin. The only exception here is the bonus multi-line slots.

- 13) What is a 'certified' slot?  
A A slot with a certificate from the manufacturer?  
B Slot that is guaranteed to payback a large percentage, as high as 98%+?  
C Slot that is certified to have a certain number of symbols?

B. Most casinos promote their 'certified' slots at a bank or carousel with flashing, large, neon lights generally near the entrance of the casino. Like carnival barkers, these round neons seem to say: "step right up, folks, see the slots with huge payouts, play the big winners, yowser, yowser, yowser". Most 'certified' slots are at least dollar denominations.

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## INTRODUCTION

**That beautiful Royal Flush!**  
**Straight Flush**  
**Four of a Kind**  
**Full House**  
**Flush**  
**Straight**  
**Three of a kind**  
**Two pair**  
**One pair of Jacks or better**

I welcome you to the expanded and revised *All Video Poker Made Easier* Ebook, this author's favorite casino game and I am assuming yours too.

You are obviously seeking an education for this game along with the highest possible payouts. Those versions with a 100%+ positive expectation for the #1 machine bet, Video Poker.

At Casino Players Workshop & Seminars—publishers, we not only strive to expand your VP education by presenting more information, but give you value for your money.

Your education begins with the required basics of reading and understanding various pay schedules, general strategies and 10 of the best VP versions.

Further, the number of VP versions with corresponding strategies has been expanded to 20 along with 16 illustrated pay schedules included in this Ebook.

The line-up is led by the familiar Jacks or better (Jacks+), then nine VP Bonus games and five Deuces and Jokers wild card versions. In the category of the unusual, there is Pick 'Em and All America. Two novelty games include Super Aces and Pay the Aces and I conclude with strategies for Multi-Hand play.

Once you have learned what and how to play, there is the where to play. The top casino picks for VP in Nevada are revealed with an overview of the balance of US casino selections.

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As I say in our newsletter...Enjoy your read.

Let's start with the basics.

## VP BASICS & PAY SCHEDULES

The two techniques that are mandatory to becoming an educated and prepared video poker player are:

- 1) how to read a pay schedule with additional education to know the difference between short/partial pay and full-pay versions, plus
- 2) strategies for all the VP types/games.

I am sure that experienced Video Poker Players are familiar with the expressions 'full pay,' 'short pay' and 'partial pay', but others may ask, "What does that mean"?

In a grouping of video poker machines, known as banks or carousels, all of which may look exactly the same, casinos will often 'mix-in' several VP machines with inferior pay programs (short/partial pay). Often, in a bank of regular non-progressive, non-bonus VP machines, only 1 or 2 may be the Jacks or better 9/6 (nine coins for a full house, and 6 coins for a flush), while the rest are 8/5, 7/5, or even worse, 6/5.

This means that one player, on the 9/6 machine, will be winning more for the same hands than the other players.

If you bet 5 coins, all winning hands are paid out multiplied by a factor of five, except for the royal flush. This is a bonus amount designed as an incentive to play five coins. All those players who play less than maximum coins are setting up the best payoffs for those who do.

The explanation and examples given below should be required reading before play on any VP machine. 'Reading the pay schedule', that is.

We begin with a basic 'plain vanilla' VP machine pay schedule for Jacks or Better (Jacks+).

Following is a full-pay 9/6 regular VP pay schedule for Jacks or Better with the value of one-coin return.

Jacks or Better (Jacks+) 9/6	one-coin return
Pair--Jacks or Better	returns the bet
Two pair (2 PR)	Pays 2-1
Three-of-a-kind (3/kind)	pays 3-1
Straight (ST) (sequence, not same suit)	pays 4-1
Flush (FL) (non-sequential, same suit)	pays 6-1
Full house (FH) (3 of a kind and a pair)	pays 9-1
Four-of-a-kind (any)	pays 25-1
Straight flush (SF) (in sequence, same suit)	pays 50-1
*Royal flush (RF) (except with max. coins)	pays 250-1

\* (except with max. coins, pays 4000 or the rarely seen 4700.)

If you bet 5 coins, all winning hands are paid out multiplied by a factor of 5, except for the Royal Flush. This is a bonus amount designed as an incentive to play five coins.

On 8/5 machines, a full house pays 40 for a full house and only 25 for a flush. You may think that 5 coins doesn't make that much difference, well, think again, you are now playing a short/partial pay machine.

Further, you are looking at an approximate 5% casino advantage with partial pay machines



Casinos place them on the floor, counting on the uneducated players not noticing the difference.

Calculate that loss of winnings/hour and it's not a pretty picture as shown below.

9/6 Jacks+ expected loss playing 5 coins per hand is \$13.20/hour; 8/5 Jacks+ costs over \$20/hour; and lousy 6/5 VP's over \$30/hour.

Knowing which slots to play saves you about \$7-17/hour Choose carefully.

In fact, casinos hold 2% more money on VP's because players do not play strategically.

At one Vegas casino, the Mega Poker machines were offering a \$29,000 jackpot. The big jackpot was hit quickly the first time, but management noticed that the second big payoff was slow in coming--little jackpots only--what was happening?

Then they discovered the reason, gamblers were not playing the maximum coins. These players were one or two coins away from \$29 grand--an expensive lesson learned!

## **BONUS VP**

There are several Jacks+ (Jacks or Better) Bonus Video Poker versions available including: Bonus Poker, Double Bonus, Double Double Bonus, Double Jackpot Poker and Double Double Jackpot Poker.

The two Jackpot Poker games mentioned are also known as Aces and Faces.

Listed below are the average return percentages for these Bonus VP versions.

These percentages are maintained with maximum coins per hand with 'full-pay' schedule play and perfect strategy.

10/7 Jacks+ Double Bonus: 2 pair pays 1 = 100.15%

8/5 Jacks+ Bonus: 2 pair pays 2 = 99.17%

9/6 Double Double Bonus: 2 pair pays 2 = 98.98%

8/5 Double Jackpot Poker: 2 pair pays 2 = 99.63%

9/6 Double Double Jackpot Poker: 2 pair pays 1 = 100.35%

10/7 Double Bonus Poker: pays 1 for 2 pair, four aces pays 800.

8/5 Bonus Poker: pays 2 for 2 pair, four aces pays 400 and four 2's, 3's or 4's pays 200.

9/6 (or sometimes, 9/5) Double Double Bonus Poker: pays 1 for 2 pair, four aces pays 2000 when fifth card is either a 2, 3 or 4, otherwise pays 800.

8/5 Double Jackpot Poker: 2 pair pays 2, four aces pays 400, four kings queens and jacks pay 200. There are also extra bonuses for four aces with KQJ and four kings, queens and jacks with AKQJ fifth card.

9/6 Double Double Jackpot Poker: the better play, pays 1 for 2 pair, four aces pay 800, four kings queens and jacks pay 400. Again, extra bonus points are awarded for a certain fifth card with four aces, kings, queens and/or jacks.

For this EBook, the VP versions of Triple Double Bonus, Bonus Deluxe, Triple Bonus (Kings+) and Super Double have been added to bring the total of bonus versions to nine.

Keep in mind that because of the higher payouts for top hands, the pair and two pair pays are often the same: 1 coin rather than 2 plus other paying hands like straights and flushes are reduced.

As the majority of Bonus versions pay the same for 2 pair as 1 pair, this will cost the player nearly 13% more.

In addition, versions offering increased 4/kind payoffs require a larger bankroll.

With the information in this Ebook, you can now determine which are the better Bonus VP versions to play and in turn, the hunt to locate them is much easier.

Rather than peering at each pay schedule searching for a 10/7 game, (for example), you can now scan the front of the machine or the main menu on a multi-game for the words 'Double Bonus'. Then, check that the flush/full house payouts are indeed full pay.

### **PROGRESSIVE VP**

These are nearly always 8/5 machines and you should play only if the jackpot is \$440 for nickels, \$2300 for quarters or \$8700 for dollar machines.

You are counting on previous players building up the jackpot for you plus an educated estimate as to how high the jackpots, primary and secondary, will go before you start playing your hard-earned cash.

As with slots' dual jackpots, progressive VP's offer a secondary jackpot for 4/kind, and hit more often than the royal does.

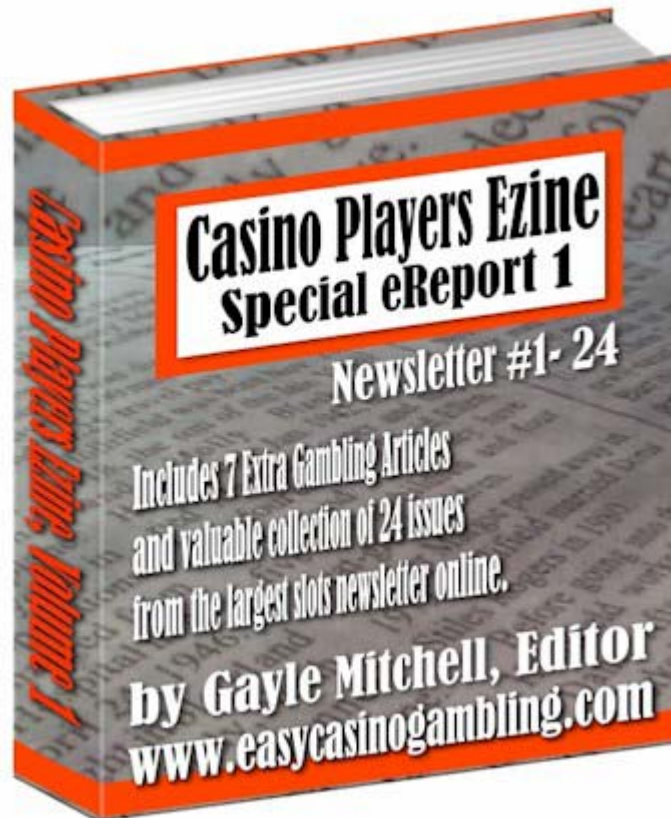
Remember though, you are in competition with all the other players in that particular carousel or bank of machines.

Be warned: you may have to stand in line with the other educated players.

VP's best follows:

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# INTRODUCTION

## From The Editor:

Greetings, Casino Players Ezine Subscribers or Hello, Fellow Slot Players.

These are two examples of the beginning of each issue of Casino Players Ezine: The Gambling Education Newsletter, the largest slots newsletter online.

With this Special eReport, Volume 1 of Newsletters #1-24, I offer the same welcome and continue with a description of the contents and history behind Casino Players Ezine 1 EBook.

Casino Players Ezine: Slots is published online twice/month on the first and third weeks of the month, usually on a Wednesday at: <http://www.easycasinogambling.com/ezine.html>

The first newsletter of every month is an odd numbered issue (e.g. #1) and the second newsletter of every month is an even numbered issue (e.g. #2).

The Headings/Sections in each newsletter for the month are usually the same, although based on subscribers' feedback; we do expand on, or add new sections. See Note below.

Following are the monthly topics and features of Casino Players Ezine: Slots Newsletter.

First issue of the month: Odd Numbered Issues.

Feature Article: A new article each month reveals the latest in the Slots Playground.

Slot Reviews: Newer slots are reviewed with bonus round and features described.

Jackpot Bulletin: Winning Stories. These 'life-changing' stories will have you dreaming of a jackpot to call your own.

Second issue of every month. Even Numbered Issues

Readers Q&A and Comments: Questions, answers and comments are here for the education of all.

Las Vegas Headliners: We list the really big shows coming the following month.

Gayle Storms: Editor's Rant: This is our place to vent about life in the casino world.

Note: Recent changes to the second issue of every month include the addition of section, Slots Players Internet: Resources for slot players who wish to investigate online gaming.

Also, the section, Las Vegas Online: an expansion of Las Vegas Headliners now includes additional online information to assist with your next casino trip.

A brief history of Casino Players Ezine follows:

Gayle Mitchell has been the Editor/writer of Casino Players Ezine since March/01.

In 2000, I was employed by Casino.com as the Slot Guide and Editor of The Slots Report.

In 2001, I also became Editor of the Casino Travel Showcase newsletter.

In 2002, the Slots Report was expanded to include Bingo.

In April 2003, Casino.com sold their website and domain.

I continued the newsletter with content focusing on Slots including Video Poker and renamed it Casino Players Ezine: Slots. The Gambling Education Newsletter.

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The majority of our readers have been with us for more than 3 years, many since 2000 during which, I am pleased to say we have built a loyal and fun gaming community. As the Editor, I do not take this loyalty lightly and strive to bring current and informative slots and video poker articles to our more than 25,000 subscribers.

This Special eReport has been compiled in a format to allow an easy-reading flow for you.

Two Sections from each of the two newsletters every month during April/03 – March /04 have been assembled in a separate chapter with Issue # and date published noted at the top of the page.

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Chapter 3 brings together all the Slot Reviews published during 4/03 to 3/04.

If you include the Slot Reviews found in certain Feature Articles, this Special eReport contains over 50 slot descriptions that are sure to make your next casino visit a real adventure.

Chapter 4 is a Special eReport Bonus with a mix of 7 Gambling Articles previously published for The Slots Report. There are two feature articles and five Gayle Storms: Editor's Rants.

The articles contained in this Special eReport are complete as originally published with minor editing.

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I end this Introduction with my usual last line in the From the Editor section:

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C Casino Management's placement of loose/tight slots?

C. Also known as slot-placement. Casino Management places different slot versions that are loose and tight on the casino floor, and yes, there is a 'science' to this method.

Loose slots are to be found in high traffic areas that can be seen by 'wannabe slot winners' from many angles in the casino.

Look for Part 2 of this quiz in Issue #25.

## Jackpot Bulletin: Winning Stories.

### It's Magic

Celeste has worked for years in the family's equipment rental business and recently sold the company. Six months ago, her mother gave her a lucky pendant and she is certain she is responsible for the win. In addition, her father gave her a \$100 bill for the trip and told her to use that money to buy chips for herself.

Therefore, he's now positive that his \$100 gift is responsible for her new fortune. Celeste was so touched by what her father said after hearing of her win. He said, "Celeste, you've always done for others, now you can do for yourself."

Let's back up a bit while Celeste McCormick of Albany, GA tells her story: "It was one of those magical nights when we couldn't lose. We were having such fun and winning on almost every machine we chose to play. We're not big gamblers, but maybe now we will be!" "My mother and father love to gamble, and my mother had been comped a room at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, MI. She graciously invited my brother and me to join in the celebration. Earlier in the evening, my friend and I had been playing the Wheel of Fortune machines and won \$500.

Just before going up to the room, we decided to go back to the Wheel of Fortune to see if we would have any luck again.

When the three Wheel of Fortune symbols appeared, nothing happened; there were no bells or flashing lights." My friend said, "I think you won \$10,000." Then I said, "No, I think I won the progressive jackpot." While I sat at the machine waiting for someone to arrive, I began to get nervous and said to my companion, "You better go find someone in case we have a power failure and I lose the entire jackpot." He left to find an attendant and when they returned they confirmed that I did win the progressive jackpot of \$1,195,974.

It was now 2:52 a.m. and we were far from being tired after all the excitement. Celeste added, "It was hilarious--the hotel personnel immediately moved us to the penthouse suite.

We waited around until later, and then called my mother and brother to tell them our room had been changed and to come up to our suite to visit us. My brother immediately said, "How much did you win, \$10,000?" I said "No a lot more than that. Just put your robes on and come up to the suite. When they arrived, we held up the check and I took a picture of my mother's face when she saw the amount!"

How does she feel about the win? "I felt very humbled and thankful for my blessings.

It's been a wonderful experience." Her future plans are simple for now, "we've put it in CDs until we can decide."



## Q&A and Reader Comments

Three readers offer their slot-playing advice:

Gayle: I have been an avid slot player for over ten years now and have had my share of ups and downs as any player would. I have spent the most time gambling in either Vegas or the different Indian casinos from Arizona to Florida. I was rather surprised at my last visit to the new Hard Rock Cafe in Tampa Florida with a good quarter jackpot. This Indian casino used to be full of old games, Bingo and keno, which never caught my eye but recently switched to the video-slots of all types.

They range from five times pay to red white and blue to double double Diamond and so forth. I decided to try the 10 X pay after watching people hit 1000 -2000 coin hits all over the place. I put 20 dollars in then turned my attention to the large TV screens where you may sometimes find more entertainment than losing your money when to my surprise I turned around to see 10x/10x/ triple bar --9000 coins and a \$2,250 jackpot. I was very excited about my 20-dollar investment. Since then I have gone back twice and seen tons of jackpots hit from \$800-\$25,000. Maybe the Indian casinos have heard about the complaints of unfair play and adjusted the machines a little for a higher payout. What do you think? Scott.

Scott: Congrats on your win! I, too would like to think that Indian casinos are becoming generous, but I have my reservations. Oops, bad pun. Gayle.

Gayle: Read the newsletter and rants from readers. As far as amounts of coins in opposed to pushing the button controversy: my opinion is based on experience, play the penny machines and you could be sitting there all day and not win anything. Play the five/hundred dollar machines and you are almost guaranteed a handsome payout (given you have a good bankroll). One thing is for sure: the more coins you put in the more the payout, in some machines.

Another thing: the longer you stay at a machine the more money you spend, but there is a good chance that it will go into a payout cycle. (All machines have a take in and payout cycle, it's the law). Anyways, that my two cents worth. I would like to know if there are any slots in Shreveport/ Bossier City that have 50 times pay? I know there are 5, 10 times pay but I don't know of any 50 times pay. A couple of months ago my wife and I and her sisters won \$1000 on a mixed 2, 5, 10-payout machine at the Hollywood.

We are planning to go again next month. I need all the help you can offer me. Thanks. Al.

Al: Thanks for your e-mail. It's tough to keep track of slot inventory and 50X pay is not widely available, if at all. I would call Hollywood first and any surrounding casinos. Gayle.

Lastly, Bill checks in with the following e-mail:

Gayle: I like reading about slot observations, but ...they are just observations and may or may not hold up as they come from their own personal perspectives. Most people violate the reality of slots. RNG (random number generator), placing a predetermined stop on your losses on a machine and betting cycle, carefully reading the payoff schedule before playing, getting third party objective advice as in your books regarding best slot strategies and machines, knowing when to quit when you're ahead and seeking other diversions while at the casino.

I go to Las Vegas every other month and love it but I'm realistic regarding winning and losing. There is much to see and do and having fun without mortgaging the house. One evening my sister and I were playing at New York/New York. There was a gentleman who carefully eyed the payoffs on a multi-play video slot machine. He put \$100 into a 5-cent machine. He played the max 90 coins and within minutes, he hit a good bonus that more than doubled his winnings. Next, he simply cashed out and left. My kind of guy and I hope to try that interesting strategy on my next trip. Good luck to all... we need it! Bill

## Gayle Storms: Editor's Rant

Four readers and your Editor take on the lingering question of coins vs. cashless controversy.

1) Gayle: I don't like cashless for smaller, silly reasons. I'd rather sit at the machine and wait for a hand pay or fill-up then stand on line which now seems to take longer. Last month I timed my line-wait at 45 min. at Claridge in AC. I can no longer put money in any machine just to get out some quarters to use to tip the people bringing me my soda. (I keep my tip money separate from my gambling money.) I like to play two machines next to each other. When one is hitting and the other isn't I cash out and use the coins to continue playing both machines. Then the second starts hitting and I reverse the process. By getting only a ticket, I can't split my money between two machines once I've started my session. This takes some of the joy out of playing. Oh and when I cashed out coins for good I put a plastic bag under it so I could just empty the whole thing into a bucket. Therefore, picking all the coins out of the hopper was never a problem. Ramblings from Karen  
Karen: Yikes, 45 minutes! BTW, I like your plastic bag idea.

2) Gayle: I am a new reader and enjoy. As a random coin dropper (\$3,000) on 3-four day visits to LV, the paper in, paper out systems will keep me at the tables and that means NO SLOT PLAY and 3G's more in the retirement fund. Sorry casinos, you have lost one slot player. So Gayle how about a survey as to how many slot players are lost or going to be with the new payout system? Thanks RGE

RGE: Casino.com did a survey a while back and the split was approx. 50-50 for-against the cashless system. If you have been receiving this newsletter for a while, you will know that I once did a rant titled "Death of Coins...say it ain't so".

Currently, nearly all the casinos are jumping on the 'paper' bandwagon. I believe that most players, including me, are begrudgingly accepting it. I don't know that many have walked away entirely like you. However, I respect your stance and your right to say so. Gayle.

3) Gayle: I am a fan of coin-paying machines. I love the sound of cashing out! We just came back from a few days in Las Vegas & as I reached into the tray to toss a few coins onto the waitress' tray, I wondered how it's going to affect their tips when the casinos convert to all paper? Jeff.

Jeff: Good point and I have heard this complaint from both beverage servers and slot personnel that they are hurting. Gayle.

4) Gayle: Another interesting newsletter. I look forward to all of them. I want to add my quarter's worth about those coinless and arcade like slots. Hate both of them. Funny how the casinos say the polls show that we want them, and every poll I have seen says the opposite. I have stood in line much longer with those tickets that I ever did with coins. Most of the time they do not work in a different machine and when you try to cash them in, they cannot get them to work and are calling everyone in the building before they give you the money. It's as if you went and made it yourself somewhere. They just keep taking the favorite machines out and replacing them with video, still telling us that is what we want. The casinos are turning into video arcades. These are all in AC. I go on a monthly moonlighter to the AC Hilton. The whole busload of people saying the same as me. but, the casinos do not care or listen.

I have several of your books and enjoy reading them over and over. Thanks for letting me vent.  
Char

Char: You are entirely welcome. That's what this section is all about. BTW, if you do locate that ticket-making device, don't keep it a secret :-). Gayle.

Here's my 'cashless opinion':

The Good: A push of the button gets you a ticket-for cash. It a great wager management tool.

Before giving back your winnings, hit that 'cash out' button, take ticket, run!

Some casinos have installed ticket cash-out kiosks. Insert ticket, take money and avoid 45-minute lines. Also, it's not the real thing, but you do hear the sound of tinkling coins.

The Bad: Recently, Fiesta was in the throes of going cashless, but in the meantime, a 1000 coin payout was spit out rather than a hand pay. This caused very dirty hands, (I did not bring a plastic bag), frequent hopper fills with the ensuing wait plus no tips for the employees as they were not required to be on-the-spot with a hand pay.

The Ugly: The layoff of so many friendly and valuable casino employees that become victims of the casinos cashless policy. Players who don't take their ticket out immediately thus entertaining us with the screeching warning sound of the machine. Slots that run out of paper and again you are distracted with the constant moaning beep of the machine until remedied.

Finally, I am like most slot players, 50-50 for-against coinless.

Gosh, sitting on this fence is not comfortable, especially when I know that in the end, I am going to fall and have to accept 'the ticket'.

From your Editor, Gayle.

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