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Introduction

Congratulations on downloading this free e-book! You have taken the first step in earning regular monthly income from playing poker online. *Build an Online Poker Bankroll For Free* will provide you with tips, details and secrets of how to build your online poker bankroll. Additionally, it will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to get started with no initial investment. Once you start building your bankroll, you will be able to generate hundreds of dollars or more per month just from playing poker online.

- Imagine staying home with your family and friends and making money.
- No time clock to punch. Set your own hours.
- Be your own boss.
- Using this system will provide you and your family extra monthly income.
- No travel, no traffic, no smoke filled casinos.

About the Author.

My name is Bob Braun and I have been a long time poker enthusiast. Poker has been a passion of mine for several years and continues to provide me with a supplemental monthly income. I am a regional poker tournament champion in the Kansas City area, specializing in Limit and No Limit Texas Holdem. I also have over three years experience as a dealer at one of the premier riverboat casinos in Kansas City. My dealer experience and tournament successes are what peaked my curiosity about online poker.

Why write this Book?

When I wanted to learn more about online poker, I began by typing the word poker into Google's search engine. Google came back with more than 13 million web pages related to poker. Geez... Next step, I hit Yahoo, who returned 16,200,000 web pages related to poker. That is a lot of links! Having no idea where to begin, I just jumped in and started reading. After months of exhaustive research and loads of online practice, I finally became an expert in the field of internet poker. Furthermore, I learned how to play online poker with minimal risk. Then, I thought "why not share what I've learned" so I developed the *Build an Online Poker Bankroll For Free* system. Now I am spending my free time having fun at home while making hundreds of dollars a month. Follow in my footsteps and save yourself the time and trouble of doing this research on your own. Use the proven methods within this system to generate the monthly income you desire.

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Chapter 1

THE ORIGINS OF POKER

The exact origin of poker is unknown but many have speculated that it originated from a 16th century Persian card game called As Nas. Played with a 25 card deck containing five suits, the rules were similar to today's Five Card Stud. Others are of the opinion that it was invented by the Chinese in 900 A.D. In all likelihood, the game derived from elements of various gambling diversions that have been around from the beginning of time.

Card playing itself seems to have originated in the Far East before migrating to the Middle East and Europe. The earliest recorded occurrences of card playing were in tenth-century China, where these long ago Chinese played a domino like game with "cards" that closely resembled paper.

The earliest reliable records of card playing in Europe can be traced back to the mid-14th century. It was then that the "Royal" cards were first adopted by the Italian and Spanish. The 52-card pack first appeared in France in the 16th century, which became known as the "French pack", and soon spread to both England and America.

Once poker crossed the Atlantic to America, its origins become easier to trace, and there is more agreement on its development. Poker in the United States was first widely played in New Orleans by French settlers playing a card game that involved bluffing and betting called Poque in the early 1800's. This old poker game was similar to the "draw poker" game we play today. New Orleans evolved as America's first gambling city as riverboat men, plantation owners and farmers avidly pursued the betting sport.

As commerce developed on the waterways, gambling traveled up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, then westward via covered wagons, and later on the railroad. The first written reference in the United States came from Jonathan H. Greer in 1834 when he referred to the amusement as the "cheating game." The Civil War saw the introduction of stud poker, the draw and the straight, and the joker made an appearance as a wild card in the last quarter of the 19th century.

It was professional gamblers who were largely responsible for the poker boom. Considering themselves as entrepreneurs, they took advantage of America's growing obsession with gambling. Though having a high opinion of themselves, the public viewed them with disdain, considering them as contributing nothing to society. This viewpoint was often warranted in many cases, as a large number of professional gamblers often cheated in order to win. To be successful, professional gamblers had to have irresistible personalities in order to attract men to play with them. Often dressing in dandy clothes, their success depended partly on chance and partly on skill, sometimes on slight of hand, and in the Old West, their shooting abilities.

By the end of the 19th century, gambling had spread like wildfire through the many mining camps of the American West. It was about this time that many towns and states across the western frontier began to enact new laws against gambling. Attempting to gain new levels of respectability, the laws primarily targeted the “professional gambler” more than gaming in general. Some types of gambling were made illegal, while limits were established on others. Initially, anti-gaming laws were weak and had little real effect on gambling, as they were difficult to enforce, establishments simply introduced new variants, and penalties were light.

However, the laws were gradually strengthened and ironically, Nevada was one of the first states in the West to totally make gambling illegal in 1909. Other states soon followed suit and true to the worst fears of the Puritans, gangsters combined liquor and gambling in the cities of New York, Cleveland and Chicago during the 1920s.

By the time construction on the Hoover Dam was underway in 1931, Nevada relaxed its gambling laws and casinos once more began to flourish. By 1939 there were six casinos and sixteen saloons in Las Vegas. As automobile traffic increased and people began to travel more for leisure, Las Vegas began to boom into the gambling Mecca it is today.

Over the years, poker has evolved through legitimate casinos and backroom games to its many present variations. Over the last decade several states have reintroduced gambling in limited formats and the fastest growing gambling opportunity today doesn't even require you to leave your home, as you log onto your computer to tempt the fates. Carefully regulated by gaming laws, poker is now the most popular card game in the world.

Today, online poker is on fire, its popularity fanned by a combination of television, technology and, for some, the allure of big money. Thanks to sophisticated computer software and increasingly prevalent high-speed internet connections, some of the biggest poker money is now being earned by online casinos. According to PokerPulse.com, a Canadian company that tracks the online gaming industry, about \$170 million was wagered in more than 100 online poker rooms during a recent 24-hour period.

PokerPulse also states that in August 2004 there were more than one million active players online. Just four months later that number jumped to 1,622,000 in December 2004, an increase of 31%.

Online players at all levels say the game appeals to their competitive instincts, challenges their brains and differs from other sports because it does not rely on athletic prowess or the ability to buy the best equipment.

Here, you will learn how to become a part of online poker's huge growth and more importantly, how to make money doing it.

Chapter 2

ONLINE POKER 101

The purpose of this book is not to teach you how to *play* poker, but rather how to build an online poker bankroll for free, provide tips and advice for the first time internet poker player, supply additional tools to help you along the way, and to guide you step-by-step through the online poker maze.

The detailed instructions in the following chapters focus on the game of Texas Holdem to build your online poker bankroll. If you are not familiar with the game or require a brush-up, I have provided you with a recommended reading list in Appendix A.

I recommend you start with .50/\$1.00 limit Texas Holdem. This means that the maximum you can bet after the flop (first three cards on the board) is .50 unless another player raises you. The most you can bet on the turn or the river (the fourth and fifth cards on the board) is \$1.00 unless someone raises you. This low limit game will reduce your risk until you have built up your poker bankroll.

The premise of this book relies heavily on first time bonus offers, reload bonuses and rake rebates, which will be discussed in detail in later chapters. In order to provide you with the most up-to-date information I have partnered with a great website organization called Poker Source Online.

Poker Source Online is a poker friendly community that provides content rich articles and information that will help you to bolster your game. This totally free online community also provides monthly prize drawings, a Poker Forum with over 4,300 members where you can get great tips and ask questions, and most importantly, provides bonus opportunities, for which this step-by-step program is reliant upon. We'll talk more about how Poker Source Online comes into play in later chapters.

Finally, to assist you in your navigation through the internet poker labyrinth, I have also provided you an additional appendix that reviews several online poker websites. While this may not make a lot of sense to you at the moment, I guarantee it will come in handy later when you're ready to play.

Establishing Your Online Poker Presence

Currently there are over one hundred online poker sites available to play almost every type of poker imaginable. Most of these poker sites are actually part of larger poker networks. You will find information later in this book about the bigger poker networks and which sites to start your poker playing career to maximize your time and efforts.

When you begin to play, you will start at the Poker Source Online website, which is an important step to building your bankroll. Poker Source Online is one of the largest poker affiliates and will provide you with additional gifts, perks or bonuses that will be essential in your step-by-step process of building your bankroll. If you just go to the poker websites without a Poker Source Online referral and sign up to play, you will miss out on all of these extra bonus opportunities.

After you select the new poker site link from the Poker Source Online website you will need to install the poker software on your computer. The new poker software has easy to follow step by step instructions which will walk you through the installation process. You will need to supply your basic information like name, address, and phone number, then create a poker site username and password.

After you start to build up your poker bankroll, you will need a way to efficiently move your poker bankroll around. Though you can request that a check be mailed that would take too much time, so I recommend an online money transfer service, such as Neteller. Neteller functions like an online wallet, where you are able to deposit, withdraw, and transfer funds to the many merchants that support Neteller. In another section of the book I describe in detail how to open a Neteller account.

Now let me explain how online poker sites make a profit from hosting virtual poker tables.

How Do Online Poker Rooms Make Money?

When poker pots reach a pre-determined level, the site keeps a small portion of the pot. This is called the “rake” and is how these many online poker rooms make money. The amount of the rake varies from poker room to poker room and can be a flat amount or a percentage of the pot. Basically, every hand that generates a poker pot of approximately \$5 or more (depending on the site) will be raked. Most estimates indicate that 60-70% of hands played are raked in low limit games. The percentage drops in higher limit games, where players are more likely to fold before the pot has built up. The lower the limit you play, the more this rake will affect your bankroll. The online poker sites do not care who wins or loses, rather they are interested in having lots of players who will generate pots over five dollars. That’s it, more players equal more profits for the online poker room. It’s that simple.

How much rake does a low limit player generate?

Rough calculations estimate that low limit Texas Holdem games from .50 cents and higher, will generate a rake of \$100 per every thousand hands. This calculation is based on tight, aggressive players who see very few flops. Many recreational players will play several thousand hands each month, while dedicated players will clear 10,000 hands in a month quite regularly, where \$1,000 or more of their pots are taken by the rake. Playing poker online is fast. You could easily see 40 to 70 hands in an hour playing at a single table. In later chapters, I will explain how to minimize the rake taken by the online poker sites.

Bonuses, Bonuses, Bonuses

For online poker rooms to make money they need poker players -- lots of poker players. The more poker players at the online poker tables, the more pots generated and the higher the rake. So how do these online poker rooms attract and entice new players?

All good online poker rooms offer a welcome bonus to new players. The purpose of the bonus offers are to provide the new player with the opportunity to get a feel for the games, while playing for REAL money without too much initial risk. Most poker sites call these welcome bonuses “free money” but of course they come with terms and conditions. It is very important that you carefully read these terms and make sure that you completely understand them in order to avoid surprises down the road.

In the early days of online poker, these bonuses had no terms attached to them. However, this quickly led to many players simply depositing enough money to get the bonus, making a few bets and then cashing out. These types of players are commonly termed “bonus abusers”.

To circumvent the abusers, the poker rooms adopted what is called “release requirements.” What this means is that you have to play a certain amount of raked pots before the bonus cash can be withdrawn. Wagering requirements vary from poker room

to poker room so please read the bonus terms and conditions carefully BEFORE making a deposit into an online poker site.

For example: One online poker site is offering a 20% first time depositor bonus. The release requirement states you must play five times the amount of the bonus in raked poker hands. Here is an example:

A \$200.00 deposit X 20% = \$40 worth of bonus dollars you qualify for as a first time depositor.

\$40 dollar bonus X 5 = 200 raked hands.

Once you have finished playing 200 raked hands, the online poker site will deposit forty dollars in to your account just for playing poker.

As a side note, you can always withdraw your initial deposit before you finish your 200 raked hands. However, you will NOT get your bonus money until you fulfill the bonus release requirements.

There are three different types of bonuses you can receive.

First Time Bonus (New User)

These are the best that the poker rooms have to offer; however, you can only use them once at each poker site.

Reload Bonus (Existing User)

These are special offers that the poker rooms offer existing players. While these can be good offers, they are not as beneficial as the first time depositor bonuses. Additionally, first time deposit bonuses generally have easier release requirements.

Rake Rebate Plans

Currently, you can get 27.5% of your rake back each month at certain poker rooms. For the dedicated player, this can mean additional dollars back into your bankroll at the end of each month, depending on the limits you play and how many hands you participate in. Online poker rooms offer rake rebate plans because players who are looking to earn a rake rebate tend to be more loyal players. These loyal players are a high dollar commodity for an online poker room! In the end, these players play more hands ultimately filling the online poker rooms.

Poker Networks/Poker Sites

To the novice online poker player, it may appear that there are over one hundred online poker sites to choose from. In actuality, most of the online poker rooms are part of a poker network. These networks use the same software but change names, labeling and software colors to “appear” to be a different poker site. When you play on a poker network you may be playing against poker players who are just using different software. For example, Party Poker and Empire Poker are part of the IGlobalMedia poker network. One user could have installed the Party Poker software and another user installed the Empire Poker software. Both of these players are logged into a different site but can be playing at the same table. Since Party Poker wrote and developed the software, the user playing at Empire Poker is using a “Party Poker Skin”. Sometimes these poker networks are wholly owned by the same company and it's just an intricate marketing strategy that draws players to their various websites. Other times, different casinos share a poker room in order to build a larger overall poker network. Online poker sites need players to attract other poker players, so sometimes different companies will have the same poker software in order to increase the market share over the entire poker network.

Below is a chart of the major poker networks:

Poker Network	Online Poker Site
IGlobalMedia	Party Poker Poker NOW Empire Poker Intertops Poker Multipoker Eurobet
Apex	Grand Online Flamingo Club Victor Chandler Poker and others.
Cryptologic	InterCasino/Interpoker William Hill Caribbean Sun Poker Poker Plex

Chapter 3

FUNDAMENTAL POKER CONCEPTS

While entire books have been written with tips and strategies, listed below are some concepts which are essential to become a successful online poker player.

Patience

In the game of poker, patience = money. Patience simply means waiting on a good starting hand before throwing money into the pot. A good poker player only plays about 20-30% of his dealt hands. This means that at least 70% of the time; you'll be folding your cards and watching someone else walk away with a pot. To effectively use this system, think of it as getting paid to fold hands. It cannot be emphasized enough that **the #1 mistake that beginners make is playing too many hands**. If the waiting proves too much for you, then seriously consider bagging your chips up and heading over to the slot machine...poker and this system are not for you.

Starting hand selection is the #1 reason players either win or lose money. You will need to develop a clear set of starting hands that you will “go in” with.

Meanwhile, if you have already been playing poker online and notice you are losing money, it would be a good idea to take a look at the statistics that most of online poker rooms calculate for you. Check your “see the flop” percentage. If it’s greater than 30%, then you may have found the source of your problem.

Starting Hands In Texas Holdem

The purpose of this book is not to teach you how to play poker. However, I cannot stress enough that your success with this system is dependent upon playing only strong starting hands. Here are a couple of examples of strong starting hands in Texas Holdem.

- Pocket Pairs AA through 77
- Ace King same suit
- Ace Queen same suit.

Keep in mind that an Ace/King generally needs to catch another Ace or King on the flop to play aggressively. How you play these cards depends upon the board and your position at the table. Wait for these cards and fold anything else. Do not be a “calling station” (a weak or passive player who calls a lot, but doesn't raise or fold much.) There are other hands you can play depending on the situation. To learn more about starting hands, refer to the recommended list in Appendix A.

Be Aggressive

You've been patient, you've folded 70% of your hands, and suddenly you get the cards you've been waiting for. What now? Play aggressively and force out weaker players! Don't make the mistake of slow playing your good cards and allowing your opponents to stay in cheap and perhaps draw to a better hand.

By concentrating on your game plan and attacking when the right cards are right, you will quickly convert these opportunities into profits. Play your high pairs and very strong hands fast, before the flop. Make your opponents pay to play, by forcing them to continually bet the pot while waiting for their miracle card.

If you're pretty sure you have the best hand, raise it. The only time you should be calling or checking your hands is when you are attempting to draw to a straight or a flush.

One exception to this aggressive rule is when you are dealt an extremely strong hand. An example of an extremely strong hand would be holding a pair of kings when the flop turns over a King and two nines. Let your opponents limp along and build the pot along the way. In this case, there's no need to scare people away as there is little chance of someone drawing out on you.

Solid Table Image

You want to build yourself a reputation at your table that says: "This player only plays good cards!" I know this sounds simple but to create this image you need to practice this rule! Develop strict starting hand requirements. There are several good books available which discuss this topic at length. I've included a list of these types of books in Appendix A and I highly recommend *Winning Low Limit Holdem* by Lee Jones. You want other players to see you throwing away junk cards, and winning pots with strong starting hands. The second important point is: **do not bluff early or often!** If you develop the reputation as a player who is consistently bluffing, people will call your bluff 100% of the time! Work on getting the reputation as a solid player. When you decide to bluff, most players will fold, knowing that the majority of the time, you've got the cards to back it up.

Study Your Game

Do your homework and it will pay dividends at the poker table. In addition to reading good poker books there is software available that will analyze your poker game. This software is called Poker Tracker. Poker Tracker will keep track of every game you play online at supported sites. It will keep track of every starting hand you have played, and track statistics and create reports which will ultimately improve your poker game.

Know When To Stop

Poker players have a term for when a player has become emotionally unable to play a good game. It's called "*on tilt*." Many things can cause you to go on tilt. Fatigue, frustration, several bad breaks, and drinking too much alcohol are a few good examples. If you feel tired or are feeling frustrated, it might be smart to call it a night or at least take a break!

Have A "Realistic" Approach

Be realistic with yourself about how well you are doing. All players have streaks where they seem to catch all of the cards and all players will also go into slumps. This is part of gambling. If you won \$100 tonight, but you lost \$400 last night, you are not up \$100...you're down \$300! But if you had a bad night tonight, losing \$50, but you won \$200 last night, you're most definitely up \$150. Over time, if you're consistently losing money playing poker, you need to take a serious look at your game.

Chapter 4

BUILDING YOUR POKER BANKROLL

By now, you should have a solid understanding of online poker and are ready to begin the step-by-step process of building your free poker bankroll.

Basically, this system will show you how to maximize your poker profits by taking advantage of first time bonus opportunities, bonus reload offers, and affiliate rake rebate programs, one poker website at a time. First time sign-up bonuses are key to making this system initially work. This will build your poker bankroll fast! The Bonus Reload offers are the bread and butter of this system and rake rebate programs will continue to add to your bankroll over the course of your poker career.

This system will teach you how to effectively move from one online poker site to the next, while cashing in on profits along the way! The internet poker sites need you to fill their poker rooms so they can rake a percentage of each pot. By spreading your play between poker rooms, you will soon begin to receive reload bonuses that you can use over and over again. This system will teach you to become an expert in the art of online casino hopping.

The profits that you make depend upon how much time you actually spend playing poker. The more poker you play, the faster your bonuses will be released. It's that simple. In the chapters that follow, I will show you step-by-step which sites to go to and in what order to maximize your profits.

**All promotions in this book are valid at the time of publication. However, these are subject to frequent changes. Please verify with each Online Poker Room, their current bonus offerings before you make your deposit.*

The Bankroll

Over time, poker is a game of skill, but in the short term, luck can play a huge factor. Even the best poker players will have long losing streaks. This is part of the game and one that every poker player needs to understand. You will not win every hand, every game or every night. That is just a fact of the game.

When your poker bankroll rises and falls this is known as variance. The more aggressive your poker playing style, the greater your variance will be. No matter how cautious you are, you will experience ups and downs.

You need to have a poker bankroll that allows you to withstand a bad run of cards without going bust. This will allow you to take advantage of the upswing that will follow if you are playing solid poker.

The table below provides you with sample requirements for your bankroll. The table is very conservative and most poker players operate on lower ratios. However, you will need something similar to this to play limit Texas Holdem.

Stakes	Big Bet	Rack (Amount you buy in with at the table)	Bankroll (The cash you have available in your account to play with.)	Rack/Bankroll Ratio
5c – 10c	0.10c	\$5	\$25	5
10c-20c	0.20c	\$10	\$50	5
25c-50c	0.50c	\$25	\$125	5
50c-\$1	\$1.00	\$50	\$250	5
\$1 - \$2	\$2.00	\$100	\$500	5
\$2 - \$4	\$4.00	\$200	\$1,000	5
\$3 - \$6	\$6.00	\$300	\$1,500	5

The basic principles above illustrate that you should buy in for at least 50 times the big bet, and have a poker bankroll of 250 times the big bet.

Getting Set-up

Because of the ever changing offers and promotions in online poker, it is absolutely necessary to align yourself with those who are constantly in the “know.” This is where our important partner, Poker Source Online comes into play. The owners at the poker source online website (<http://www.pokersourceonline.com>) are constantly negotiating exclusive bonuses and rebate offers with online poker rooms. The *Build An Online Poker Bankroll For Free* system relies upon starting at this website in order to complete the step-by-step process and build your free online poker bankroll.

Why do I need to start each step at pokersourceonline.com?

Online poker sites track how new players arrive to their websites and it is important to prove that Poker Source Online is driving new customers to play online poker. This, in turn, allows pokersourceonline.com to negotiate better offers which ultimately are passed on to you. The more business that is generated by Poker Source Online, the better the offers the website can pass down to its players.

Before you start playing poker, another thing I recommend is that you download a trial version of Poker Tracker at www.pokertracker.com. I am amazed at all of the features this software has to improve your poker game. On the next page I have provided some details regarding Poker Tracker. Don't purchase a copy of Poker tracker. There will be steps later in the book on how you can get a free registered version of the software.

Poker Tracker is a Windows based computer program that allows you to analyze your online Texas Holdem play. Poker Tracker stores and summarizes hand history data that can be downloaded from your poker site.

What does Poker Tracker have to offer?

- Track your poker game and tournament play on multiple poker sites. Do you have an account on Party Poker, Absolute Poker, etc.? No problem, Poker Tracker will allow you to import hand histories from each site and store them in the same database. Don't worry if your screen names are not the same either, Poker Tracker has a way to let you combine the stats from multiple sites.
- Track your starting hands and with the various hand combinations see how many times you: See the flop, Raise, Win money and much more!
- Track your play by position. You can see how many times you call under the gun, from the cut-off, etc. Look at the amount of money you win by position. You can also see how you play short-handed or with a full table.
- Track your play by session/tournament.
- Track your hand results. You can see how many times you got a flush, full-house, etc. and how much money you made with each hand.
- Track your best and worst opponents. Find out whom you've won the most money from and who has won the most money from you.

- Track every player you have ever played against and keep detailed notes on each player. You can see how often they see the flop, raise pre-flop, check-raise, win at showdown and much more.
- Graphically replay your hands individually or replay entire sessions or even entire tournaments.
- Try Poker Tracker for free by downloading the trial version today. Import up to 1,000 hands with no obligation.

Chapter 5

THE FIRST STEP – GET YOUR FREE \$100 DOLLARS!

You have done your homework. You understand the basics. It's now time to start executing the *Build An Online Poker Bankroll for Free* system.

Party Poker via instantbankroll.com

The first stop is <http://www.instantbankroll.com/> Instant Bankroll is owned and operated by Poker Source Online.

Bonus Offer for Party Poker via only instantbankroll.com:

- \$100 Dollars Free
- No Deposit Required
- No Credit Card Required
- 100% Risk Free

Bonus Release Requirements:

- The maximum bonus is \$100 dollars.
- Instant bankroll only gives away 60 accounts per day. The counter for this resets at 12:00am PST. (2:00am CST)
- You have to follow the enrollment steps on the instant bankroll website.
- During this process you will register with the poker source online website.
- *****Important***** During the registration process, in the "referred by" box, type: ebook This is the code that will allow you to gain additional bonuses and offers later on.
- Download and install party poker when prompted.
- Create a play money account.
- Input the correct Sign Up Bonus Code. The Instant Bankroll website will instruct you on which code to use.
- Instant bankroll will send you an e-mail within one to five business days. Within this e-mail will be a toll free number to call. During this phone conversation instant bankroll will verify the following information: your Party Poker username, full name, address, phone number, date of birth and e-mail address.
- After your account has been confirmed \$75.00 real dollars will be posted into your party poker account.
- You need to play 500 raked hands then an additional \$25 dollars will be posted into your account.
- After playing 500 hands the money will be available to withdraw.

Play Poker: This is the fun part. You will have to play 500 raked hands to have your bonus dollars fully released. To minimize the chances of losing your free money I suggest you play .50/\$1.00 limit Texas Holdem. Play extremely tight, aggressive poker. At a minimum you are looking to win enough hands to cover your blinds. Let's say you make \$20 dollars in poker profits from playing these 500 raked hands.

Description	Dollar Value
Original Poker Bankroll	\$0
Profit from playing the minimum raked hands (500 hands)	\$20.00
Party Poker Bonus Offer via Instant Bankroll	\$75.00
Bonus dollars after playing 500 raked hands	\$25.00
Current Poker Bankroll	\$120.00

Party Poker Summary: At this point you have \$120.00 in your poker account. By following the *Build An Online Poker Bankroll for Free* system you have increased your poker bankroll from nothing to \$120.00. Great Job!

Now it's time to withdraw your poker money from Party Poker. I recommend you open a Neteller account.

Poker Account Funding Tutorial

Neteller.com

Go to www.neteller.com and register for an account. Neteller is a free service. Neteller is an online money transfer service which functions like an online wallet. Through a Neteller account, you are able to deposit, withdraw, and transfer funds to the many online poker rooms.

Quick Summary of Neteller Fees:

Transaction	Cost
Neteller to Poker Room	Free
Poker Room to Neteller	Free
Neteller to Your Checking account	Free
Your Bank Account to Neteller	Free if you use the 3-4 day EFT method
Your Bank Account to Neteller	8.9% fee if you use instant EFT method

Basically, you can operate a Neteller account completely free, as long as you are willing to use the 3-4 day Electronic Fund Transfer method.

After you go to Neteller and sign up you will be issued two numbers, an account ID and a secure ID. After that you need to attach a checking account to your Neteller account to receive your poker winnings. You can use your existing checking account or open a “poker only” checking account. During the new account certification process Neteller will deposit a few cents into your checking account. You will need to log back into Neteller and enter the amount deposited. After that Neteller will send you an e-mail asking that you call them. This phone call takes less than three minutes. When you speak to the customer service representative he will verbally verify all of your account information. After that the Neteller representative will call you back on the telephone number listed to verify that you answer the phone. I know this sounds like a lot of steps but after you finish the verification process you will never need to speak to a Neteller account representative again. When I started this process I was a little apprehensive. After talking to someone at Neteller, all of these extra security steps made me feel better about using this service.

Now that your Neteller account is established you can withdraw your money from Party Poker to your new Neteller account.

Moving Along - Pacific Poker

Pacific Poker offers a poor first time bonus offer. You need to bet twenty times the bonus money offered before your bonus dollars are available to withdraw. The reason why we are going to Pacific Poker next is that through Poker Source Online you can receive a free registered copy of Poker Tracker. A registered copy of Poker Tracker costs \$55.00. The nice thing about Pacific Poker is that they let you play with your bonus money right away but it will not be available to withdraw until you complete betting twenty times the bonus money.

Bonus Offer for Pacific Poker via Poker Source Online: Complete 250 raked hands to receive a free registered copy of Poker Tracker.

Bonus Release Requirements:

- You must be a first time player at Pacific Poker.
- You must deposit at least \$100 dollars.
- You must play a minimum of 250 raked hands at a minimum of .50/\$1.00 limit Texas Holdem.

Bonus Offer Setup: Go to www.pokersourceonline.com. Select poker tracker as your promotional gift. Select continue. Select continue next to Pacific Poker banner. Follow all of the steps required to qualify for this promotion.

I recommend that you do not try and clear this first time bonus offer. There are better offers available. The goal is to play 250 raked hands to get your free registered copy of Poker Tracker then move on to the next site.

Description	Dollar Value
Your Poker Bankroll	\$120.00
Pacific Poker 25% first bonus match	\$30.00

With your bankroll you are eligible to receive \$30.00 free dollars just from playing poker. Pacific poker will release this bonus money right away so you can take it to the tables.

Play Poker: You will have to play 250 raked hands with your bankroll to receive your free copy of Poker Tracker. Use your poker experience to play extremely tight, aggressive poker. At a minimum, you are looking to win enough hands to cover your blinds. Let's say you make \$10 dollars in poker profits from playing these 250 raked hands.

Your Poker Bankroll Summary: Once you have completed playing the minimum raked hand requirements to receive your free copy of Poker Tracker.

1. Withdraw all money from your Pacific Poker account and deposit it into your Neteller account.

Description	Dollar Value
Original Poker Bankroll	\$120.00
Profit from playing the minimum raked hands (250 hands)	\$10.00
Free copy of Poker Tracker	(\$55.00 value)
Current Poker Bankroll	\$130.00

Now it's time to move to the next site and explain in detail about rake rebate programs. Rake rebate programs are an important part of building your poker bankroll.

Chapter 6

RAKE REBATE PROGRAMS

What is a Rake Rebate Program?

As you now know the rake is how online poker sites make money. A rake rebate program offers you, the online poker player, an opportunity to earn a percentage of your rake back each month.

Sounds like a kickback?

It is a kickback. The online poker sites offer rake rebate programs as part of their marketing campaigns. Rake rebates are offered to dedicated online poker players, who are highly valued by the online poker rooms.

How does a new online poker player like me participate in a rake rebate program?

There is a program called the frequent flopper rake rebate program. The frequent flopper rake rebate program is owned and operated by Poker Source Online. This program is one of the best rake rebate programs available. It is located at <http://www.frequentflopper.com>.

How much rake does a low limit player generate?

A low limit player who participates in games at .50 /\$1.00 limits and higher generates roughly \$100 in rake per thousand hands played. This is based on a tight, aggressive poker player who sees very few flops. Most recreational players will play several thousand hands each month.

How much can I get back with a rake rebate plan?

Currently, Poker Source Online offers you 27.5% of your rake back each month, at various poker rooms. For a solid dedicated player, this can mean hundreds of dollars returned to your bankroll at the end of each month. This depends on the limits you play and how many hands you are involved in.

Now, we move on to another poker room to take advantage of a first time bonus opportunity along with a rake rebate program.

Absolute Poker

Bonus Offer from Absolute: Currently Absolute Poker is offering a 35% first time bonus match up to \$350 dollars. Here are the details from the Absolute website.

Bonus Release Requirements:

- The maximum bonus is \$350 dollars.
- You must use the first time deposit code.
- Money in your pending account will expire 60 days from the time it was awarded unless it has been transferred to your real money account by meeting the hands played requirements.
- The bonus amount will automatically be added to your pending bonus account. It will be held and automatically released to your cash account based on the following easy requirements; for each raked hand (minimum rake of \$0.25) you play you receive 1 point, and you will receive 1 point for each \$1 of tournament buy-in fee. At 100 points \$10 will be transferred from your pending bonus account to your cash account.

Basically that last bullet point boils down to 10 times the bonus amount of raked hands played. For a forty dollar bonus you need to play 400 raked hands of at least .25 cents.

In addition to this first time bonus Poker Source Online offers a frequent flopper rake rebate program with Absolute Poker. They will give each player who signs up for the frequent flopper rake rebate program a 27.5% rake rebate offer. You will get a 27.5% cash deposit back into your Absolute Poker account of the total rake you contributed at Absolute Poker.

Bonus Offer Setup: Go to <http://www.frequentflopper.com/>. Select the automated cash rake rebate program for Absolute Poker. Follow all of the steps and instructions to download, install and configure the Absolute Poker software. Follow all of the steps to create a new account. If prompted “How did you hear about us?” be sure to select “Other” then type in the box at the bottom POKER SOURCE ONLINE.

Description	Dollar Value
Your Poker Bankroll	\$130.00
Absolute Poker 35% first bonus match	\$40.00

With your bankroll you are eligible to receive \$40.00 free dollars just from playing poker.

Play Poker: You will have to play 400 raked hands with your bankroll to have your bonus dollars fully released. Use your poker experience to play extremely tight, aggressive poker. Again, at a minimum you are looking to win enough hands to cover your blinds. Let's say you make \$20 dollars in poker profits from playing these 400 raked hands.

Rough Estimate of your Absolute Rake Rebate Summary:

- You play limit poker at the .50/\$1.00 limit tables.
- You play 400 raked hands.

Your monthly gross rake is dependent upon several factors. One is the rake taken per poker hand. The other is the number of poker players at the table.

Since the rake taken and number of players at a table can change with every hand the best way to estimate your monthly gross rake is approximately \$100 in monthly gross rake per 1,000 raked hands played.

You are going to play 400 raked hands so a rough estimate of your monthly gross rake would be \$40 dollars.

\$40 dollars X 27.5% rake rebate = \$11.00 in rake rebate dollars.

Your Poker Bankroll Summary With Rake Rebate Included: Once you have completed playing the minimum raked hand requirements to release your bonus dollars from Absolute, complete the following:

1. Withdraw all money from your Absolute Poker account and deposit it into your Neteller account.

Description	Dollar Value
Original Poker Bankroll	\$130.00
Profit from playing the minimum raked hands (1,000 hands)	\$20.00
Absolute Bonus Offer	\$40.00
Frequent Flopper Rake Rebate Offer	\$11.00
Current Poker Bankroll	\$201.00

Absolute Poker Summary: At this point you have \$201.00 in your poker account. By following the *Build An Online Poker Bankroll for Free* system you have increased your poker bankroll by 65% maximizing on bonus opportunities and rake rebate plans.

Let's move on, there are more bonus opportunities ahead.

Chapter 7

ABSOLUTE POKER RELOAD OFFERS

Absolute Poker

Reload offers are a way that poker rooms reward existing poker players. If an existing poker player re-deposits money into a poker account, during a reload promotion, the poker site offers additional bonus dollars. Currently Absolute poker frequently offers reload bonuses. They are averaging one reload offer every week or two. Most of the reload offers are around 10% to 15% of your deposit. Below is a table of the reload offers Absolute Poker has offered its existing customers recently.

Date	Reload Offer
03/20/05	20% up to \$200
03/19/05	20% up to \$200
03/17/05	20% up to \$200
03/13/05	20% up to \$200
03/10/05	20% up to \$200
03/09/05	20% up to \$200
03/08/05	20% up to \$200
03/03/05	15% up to \$150
03/02/05	15% up to \$150
03/01/05	15% up to \$150
02/27/05	20% up to \$200
02/23/05	25% up to \$250
02/20/05	20% up to \$150
02/11/05	20% up to \$200
02/06/05	15% up to \$200
01/27/05	15% up to \$100
01/20/05	15% up to \$200
01/13/05	15% up to \$200
01/08/05	15% up to \$200
12/31/04	15% up to \$100
12/24/04	15% up to \$100
12/15/04	15% up to \$100
12/09/04	15% up to \$100
12/04/04	15% up to \$100

Your goal is to move your poker bankroll back and forth between Absolute Poker and your Neteller account to gain additional bonus dollars. Do this as many times necessary to build your bankroll up to at least \$500 dollars. Use the tables in the previous Absolute section as a guide to determine your bonus dollars and rake rebates you will receive from your poker play.

Why do I want to wait until I build my poker bankroll up to \$500 dollars before moving on to the next site?

Most poker rooms offer a 20% first time deposit bonus, up to \$100 maximum bonus, with only a five to seven times raked hand release requirement. By having a poker bankroll of \$500 dollars you are maximizing on your first time deposit bonus dollars.

Also after you reach the \$500 dollar poker bankroll goal take a moment to congratulate yourself. By following the *Build An Online Poker Bankroll For Free* system you have started with some free money and built it up 500%. A 500% return is a great achievement!

Chapter 8

SUMMARY, TIPS AND TRICKS

At this point in the system you should have a good understanding of how to make money online playing poker. Keep repeating this system, with different poker sites, over and over again to increase your poker bankroll. If you would like another free gift from Poker Source Online, participate in another promotion. If you would like to get rake rebate from another poker site participate in another frequent flopper program. Take advantage of the reload bonuses and keep checking www.pokersourceonline.com for new poker sites and rake back programs. Below are some other things to consider before you start my system.

- It might be a good idea to get a separate “poker only” free e-mail address from yahoo.com or hotmail.com. This e-mail address should only be used for your online gaming and neteller.com transactions. It will help keep you organized.
- Follow the Build An Online Poker Bankroll for Free system. Start small and build confidence in your poker game. I can’t stress this enough. Prove to yourself that you can play tight, aggressive poker in the low limit games.
- Become familiar with the poker software before you start playing with real money. Many of these sites offer you the ability to play poker with pretend money to learn the software.
- Keep a separate spreadsheet of usernames and passwords for each poker site you play at.
- Don’t play poker when you’re rushed for time. You have to allow yourself the time to be dealt good cards.
- Become an expert on bonus structures. Be sure you completely understand the bonus structure before you deposit money to an online poker site. This is very important. Some sites remove bonus dollars received from your monthly gross rake earned, making your rake rebate less than you expected. Some sites only release bonus dollars if you actually bet an equal amount of your money into a poker pot. Other sites give you credit for rake participation only if you have bet money in a pot. Always, read the fine print! Ask questions to the online poker site or at the forum board at Poker Source Online.
- Work toward earning one bonus at a time. Most sites have time limitations on how long it takes to earn a bonus. Earn one then move on to the next one.
- Many of these sites offer new players free entries into free tournaments. Play in them! If you get lucky this will really boost your poker bankroll fast.
- Play only one table until you are comfortable. Learn how to play two tables at once in lower limit poker games. Many sites will let you play at four or more tables at the same time. By playing multiple tables you can play more hands in an hour. The more hands you play in an hour the faster your bonus dollars are released. You will also earn more money in your rake rebate plan.
- Always try to play poker at full tables. This will allow you to see more hands before you pay the big and small blinds.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading my book and that I've succeeded in explaining everything you will need to know to make money from playing poker online.

Online poker sites constantly change their promotions. All promotions are valid at the time of this publication. Percentages may change often for first time and reload bonuses at the online poker sites reviewed in this book. This book should assist you in calculating how much bonus money you will receive from any online poker site promotion.

I hope that you take full advantage of all the poker promotions with Poker Source Online. They are a reputable, trusted poker affiliate, who have worked hard to offer great poker promotions and make rake rebate offers quick and easy. The steps that they take to automate the payment process make them a leader in the rake rebate affiliate field. They strive to make you a better poker player with all of the poker information available on their website and their active poker forum board.

I would like to hear your feedback, questions, comments, suggestions or concerns regarding this book. Feel free to e-mail me at poker@legendsofamerica.com

Finally, I want to stress to you again to play poker with PATIENCE! Wait for the good hands and play them aggressively. Good Luck! Now go start earning your extra monthly income today with the *Build An Online Poker Bankroll For Free* system!

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APPENDIX A – RECOMMENDED READING

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- *Championship No Limit and Pot Limit* by Tom McEvoy and TJ Cloutier
- *Harrington on Holdem* by Dan Harrington
- *Holdem Excellence* by Lou Krieger
- *Holdem Poker For Advanced Players* by Sklansky and Malmuth
- *Ken Warren Teaches Texas Holdem* by Ken Warren
- *Middle Limit Holdem Poker* by Bob Ciaffone
- *No Limit Texas Holdem* by Brad Dougherty and Tom McEvoy
- *Play Poker Like the Pros* by Phil Hellmuth
- *The Psychology of Poker* by Alan Schoonmaker
- *Super System 2* by Doyle Brunson
- *The Theory of Poker* by David Sklansky
- *Tournament Poker for Advanced Players* by David Sklansky
- *Winner's Guide to Texas Holdem* by Ken Warren
- *Zen And the Art of Poker* by Larry Phillips

APPENDIX B – POKER SITE REVIEWS

Party Poker

Overview: Party Poker is part of the IGlobalMedia poker network. IGlobalMedia is the king of the online poker world. Due to some timely advertising on the Travel Channel during the World Poker Tour events, this network has reaped major benefits in terms of players. No single poker room is anywhere close to their level in terms of player population.

Software: The software is smooth, stable and well designed. I've had no issues using the Party Poker software.

Game Variety: Top Notch! Holdem, Omaha, Omaha H/L, 7 Stud, 7 Stud H/L, Single Table Tournaments and Multi Table Tournaments. A live game in any of these variations, at several different limits, can be found almost 24/7.

Player Population: The IGlobalMedia poker network player population is one of its biggest assets. An average of 40,000 players online during prime time is fairly common. With that kind of player population you can find just about any game, any limit, at any time.

Fish Factor: Good. Massive marketing efforts by IGlobalMedia draw lots of beginners to the games.

Rake: The rake is not so attractive, 50 cents is raked when the pot reaches \$5. A 20% fee is charged in \$5 tournaments and 8% in \$100 tournaments.

Support: Virtually all of the customer service is done via email. Party Poker does offer 24 hour telephone assistance.

Financial Security: Good. As one of the largest poker networks, Party Poker is clearly secure.

Deposit & Withdrawal Options

Deposit options:

VISA, MasterCard, NETeller, FirePay, ePassporte, Citadel, eChecks, bank draft, cashier's check, money order and inter-account transfers.

Withdrawal options: Checks, NETeller, wire transfer and check.

Pacific Poker

Overview: Pacific Poker is operated by Cassava Enterprises (Gibraltar) Ltd. which also owns and operates Casino-on-Net, on-line since 1996.

Software: The Pacific poker software runs smoothly. The software has the standard buttons like check/fold, bet, raise and call to make your poker playing experience simplified. Unfortunately the Pacific poker software does not support playing more than one table at a time.

Game Variety: There are Holdem, Hi and Hi-Lo in Omaha and seven-card stud. There are also 1-on-1 tables. There are micro-limit tables down to \$0.05/\$0.10.

Player Population: There are typically 4,000-5,000 players at peak hours, out of which at least 85-95% are playing Texas Holdem.

Fish Factor: Great. There is plenty of action in the lower limit games. The competition is soft. There are lots of players from the online casino that also log in to play poker at Pacific poker.

Rake: The rake at Pacific Poker is the average in the industry, at least when it comes to lower limit games and low limit tournaments. .

Support: Good response times with e-mail support. However, there is no live chat support and the telephone support is very slow.

Financial Security: Good. Pacific Poker is sponsored by Casino-On-Net. Casino –On-Net is a well established internet casino.

Deposit & Withdrawal Options

Deposit options:

VISA, MasterCard, NETeller, Citadel, FirePay, Wire Transfer, bank transfer, PaySafeCard, BBL Home'Pay, check deposit and PrePaidATM.

Withdrawal options:

Credit card, Debit card, FirePay, NETeller, PrePaidATM, Wire transfer and bank draft.

Absolute Poker

Overview: Absolute Poker is one of the smaller online poker rooms - but it offers the rare combination of easy competition and a strong selection of games. Recent advertising on several cable channels that televise poker events has attracted a number of players.

Software: The software is so-so. The poker room looks pretty good, and connectivity issues are rarely a problem for players, but the software can be very resource-intensive. Each player can have a picture as their avatar (icon), and chat appears at each player's chair, as well as in the chat box.

Game Variety: All of the popular games are offered: Holdem, Omaha, 7 Stud, Omaha H/L, 7 Stud H/L, One on One, Single Table Tournaments and Multi-Table Tournaments.

Player Population: Absolute is growing quickly, and you can find a game there at any time of the night, but comparatively speaking, they're still pretty small. There are also several Freeroll tournaments (no entry, free real money payouts) offered every day. They also offer No Limit and Pot Limit Holdem games with limits as low as .10/.25 No Limit Holdem and .5/.10 Pot Limit Holdem.

Fish Factor: Fair. There is plenty of action in the lower limit games. The competition is average. However, the competition at \$5-\$10 and higher is tougher than expected. This site appears to primarily cater to low limit players.

Rake: The rake at Absolute Poker is less attractive than the average in the industry, at least when it comes to lower limit games and low limit tournaments. There is good rake value at the higher stakes.

Support: All of the customer service support is done via email. There is no live chat support or telephone support.

Financial Security: Should be good, as they have been around for quite a while, with no complaints and the network overall is doing very well.

Deposit & Withdrawal Options

Deposit options:

Visa, MasterCard, NETeller, instaCASH, FirePay, electronicCheck, Western Union, Cashiers Check, Bank Wire and CentralCoin deposits.

Withdrawal options:

Neteller, Firepay and electronic check.