

Virgin River poker tournament draws full field

A sold out field of 72 entries crowded the Virgin River Poker Room for a May 30 event which drew participants from several states.

"It was really a great tournament," said Poker Room Manager Marc Peniche. "We were sold out a half hour before the tournament even began."

Peniche said the event featured a \$6,200 purse with the winner taking home \$2,150.

"We are planning tournaments like this every couple of months," Peniche said. "About 30 percent of our players were from out of town including some from Arizona, California and Utah."

Peniche added that the tournament featured a wide diversity of competitors ranging in age from 23 to 65-70.

"The people loved the structure of the Deep Stack tournament where they felt that they got good value for their money," added Peniche. "We conducted a poll wanting to see if they wanted the tournament format back again and almost everyone raised their hands."

Further information regarding future tournaments can be found at www.itsmesquite.com or by calling the Virgin River Poker staff at 702-345-7500, ext. 1400.

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