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CHRISTCHURCH CASINO CONFIRMS 12TH ANNUAL NEW ZEALAND POKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Christchurch Casino has confirmed 2010 tournament dates for its flagship poker tournament, the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Poker Championships (NZPC).

The 12th annual event is locked in for 9-18 April 2010 during which period nine tournaments will be held with a prize pool of up to \$741,000 to be posted from full events.

Christchurch Casino's Chief Executive Officer, Brett Anderson, says the buzz is already building of the tournament known for superb hosting.

"Our New Zealand Poker Championships are renowned throughout the world for atmosphere and character – international poker stars love coming to Christchurch Casino - they say it's like coming home for them where they can relax in familiar surroundings and be treated like an individual", says Anderson.

Included in the nine individual tournaments are the coveted Main Event - attracting household poker names from around the world to compete every year, the South Island Championships and the Canterbury Championships. The eagerly anticipated Charity and Media Event which gave away \$10,000 last year, will again give a boost to Canterbury charities.

Brett Anderson says of the Charity and Media Event:

"It's one popular tournament! We have media and personalities getting in touch with us to see when the invites are due out as they don't want to miss a seat. It's a great night with an even greater cause – everyone enjoys themselves and, as you can see, they are keen to come back."

Christchurch Casino has added two new events to the NZPC line up; the Minh Tran Memorial Trophy, a Two Card Manila game of poker, and the country's first ever New Zealand Women's Championship Trophy.

Both events are expected to be sell-outs with the Women's Championship already gaining huge momentum in New Zealand and across the ditch.

Registrations are now open for all tournaments within the New Zealand Poker Championship event. Bookings can be made online through www.christchurchcasino.co.nz or in person at Christchurch Casino.

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2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Game Type	Title	Entry Fee	Start Time	Player Cap	Start Bank	Levels
Fri 9th	Charity and Media Event						
Sat 10th	No Limit Hold'em	Canterbury Championship	\$850 (\$775 + \$75)	12.30pm	80	\$10,000	45mins
Sun 11th	Pot Limit Omaha	NZ Omaha Championship	\$550 (\$500 + \$50)	12.30pm	80	\$7,000	40mins
Mon 12th	No Limit Hold'em	South Island Championship	\$1100 (\$1000 + \$100)	11am	80	\$10,000	45mins
Tue 13th	No Limit Hold'em	NZ Women's Championship	\$220 (\$200 + \$20)	12.30pm	80	\$7,000	40mins
Tue 13th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Main Event Super Satellites	\$125 (\$100+\$25) + \$50 rebuys	7pm	-	\$2,000	20mins
Wed 14th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Turbo \$100 Bounty NLH Championship	\$450 (\$400 + \$50)	12.30pm	80	\$6,000	20mins
Wed 14th	2 Card Manila	Minh Tran Memorial NZPC Manila event	\$330 (\$300 + \$30)	6pm	30	\$7,000	40mins
Wed 14th	Main Event Cocktail Party						
Thur 15th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Main Event Day 1 - Flight 1	\$2750 (\$2500 + \$250)	12.30pm	80	\$15,000	60mins
Fri 16th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Main Event Day 1 - Flight 2	\$2750 (\$2500 + \$250)	12.30pm	80	\$15,000	60mins
Sat 17th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Main Event Day 2	-	12.30pm	-	-	60mins
Sat 17th	No Limit Hold'em	50k Challenge	\$5250 (\$5000 + \$250)	8pm	10	\$10,000	45mins
Sun 18th	No Limit Hold'em	NZPC Main Event Day 3 Final day	-	2pm	-	-	60mins
Sun 18th	Pot Limit Omaha/No Limit Holdem	Peter Peko Memorial NZ Rotational Championship	\$550 (\$500 + \$50)	12.30pm	70	\$7,000	40mins



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