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CHRISTCHURCH CASINO CONFIRMS 2011 NEW ZEALAND POKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Christchurch Casino has confirmed the 2011 tournament dates for its flagship poker tournament, the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Poker Championships (NZPC).

The 13th annual event is now locked in for 6-14th August 2011 during which period eight tournaments will be held with a prize pool of over \$280,000 to be posted from full events. The 2011 event was originally postponed in April following the Canterbury earthquake in February; however the event is back and with more purpose than ever – to help rebuild Christchurch, one poker tournament at a time.

Christchurch Casino's Chief Executive Officer, Brett Anderson, says; "The excitement is already building around the boutique tournament that is recognised as NZ's Flag Ship Poker Tournament. Our New Zealand Poker Championships are renowned throughout the world for atmosphere and character, with international and national poker players alike coming to Christchurch Casino because of its ability to provide personal service like nowhere else." says Anderson.

Included in the eight individual tournaments is the coveted Main Event - attracting household poker names from around the world to compete every year, the South Island Championships and the Canterbury Championships. This year the Wellington Poker Champs Main Event will be on the schedule– adding another eagerly awaited event to the already exciting line up. Christchurch Casino will again feature the Women's Championships which is already gaining huge momentum after such a successful response in 2010.

Again the strongly anticipated Charity and Media Event will give a boost to local Canterbury charities with over \$10,000 to be given away, this year more essential than ever. 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 they are always keen to come back."

The 2011 Christchurch Casino New Zealand Poker Championships are seen as a positive move for Christchurch as a city to help get back on its feet. The opportunity to be able to host an event that will not only provide local Cantabrians with an escape but also encourage visitors back into the city is one that is not taken lightly - with the hope to create a buzz in the city once again.

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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2011 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<i>New Zealand Poker Championships: August 2011</i>				
<u>Date:</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:</u>	<u>BUY IN AMOUNT:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Seats:</u>
Saturday 6th	NZ Women's Championship: No-Limit Hold'em.	\$220	11:30am	60
Saturday 6th	Minh Tran Memorial Event: 2-Card Manila.	\$330	7:30pm	30
Sunday 7th	NZPC Deepstack Turbo : No Limit Hold'em.	\$330	11:30am	80
Monday 8th	Cash Games and Sit'n'Go Satellites available from 11am.			
Tuesday	NZPC Pot Limit Omaha Champs : Pot Limit Omaha.	\$550	11.30am	40
Wednesday 10th	Satellite Day:- NZPC Main Event: NLH. <i>\$50 re-buys until 1st break. \$1,650 seats</i>	\$60	12:30pm	60
Thursday 11th	Canterbury Championship: No-Limit Hold'em.	\$660	11:30am	80
Thursday 11th	Sth Island/ Wellington Champs Satellite : NLH. <i>\$50 re-buys until 1st break. \$1,550 seats.</i>	\$60	From 7pm	30
Friday 12th	South Island Championship: No-Limit Hold'em.	\$775	11:30am	80
Friday 12th	High Stakes Cash Game: No-Limit Hold-em. <i>\$2,000 - \$10,000 buy-in.</i>	\$25/\$50 NLH	From 8pm	8
Saturday 13th	NZPC Main Event Day 1 No-Limit Hold'em. <i>9 levels of tournament play.</i>	\$1,650	11:30am	80
Saturday 13th	High Stakes Cash Game: No-Limit Hold-em. <i>\$2,000 - \$10,000 buy-in.</i>	\$25/\$50 NLH	From 8pm	8
Sunday 14th	Wellington Poker Champs Main Event. No Limit Hold'em.	\$775	12:30pm	60
Sunday 14th	NZPC Main Event Day 2: No-Limit Hold'em. <i>Final Day.</i>	n/a	2:30pm	n/a

NB: NZPC Tournament Schedule is subject to change.
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