

OF THE STARS

WORLD SERIES OF POKER AT HORSESHOE CLUB

Where do the world's most avid -- and hopeful -- poker players originate?

Judging from early entries in the third annual World Series of Poker, scheduled for May 13-18 at Binion's Horseshoe Club here, they come from a broad spectrum of Southern states in general and Texas in particular.

More than half of the first batch of entries received by Horseshoe Club owner Benny Binion and tournament co-hosts Jack Binion and actor Chill Wills are from Texas points. And they're not restricted to major population cen-

ters like Dallas - Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso.

Other Texas communities heard from include such large and small places as Midland, Odessa, Brownfield, Killeen, Temple, Bryan, Irving, Big Spring, Baytown and Mesquite -- not to overlook Kingsville, which occupies a mere 5.3 of the 267,339 square miles of Texas landscape.

Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama and Mississippi all will be well represented in the six-day contest of skill and luck at the downtown Las Vegas club and hotel. Other states already heard from include Ohio, New York, California, Utah, Arizona, Illinois and West Virginia.

Significantly, experts

from Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and New York have been major winners in the past two World Series of Poker, although most of them are now permanent or part-time residents of the Las Vegas area.

Perhaps more significant is the fact that Benny Binion and his son Jack, along with Chill Wills, all originated in Texas and have many personal ties to the Lone Star State.

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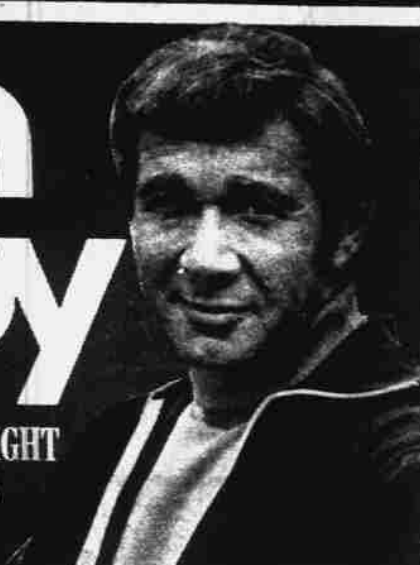
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