

WORLD'S LARGEST HOLD'EM TOURNNEY 8 DAYS AT GOLDEN NUGGET

More than 600 poker players from every state in the Union are expected to participate in the Worlds Largest Hold'em Poker Tournament, which gets underway at the Golden Nugget Gambling Hall, downtown, Thursday, May 2nd, for eight consecutive days.

A total prize fund of \$10,650.00 has been established by Steven Wynn, president of Golden Nugget, in addition to any winnings participants

may accumulate over the span of play.

Players, both men and women, will be playing in five different betting categories: \$1.00 and \$2.00; Pineapple; \$3.00 and \$6.00; \$10.00 and \$20.00; and \$20.00 and \$40.00. First prize, determined by the most money won during the eight days in each category is worth \$1,000.00, plus a beautiful trophy. Second prize is \$250.00 with third valued at \$100.00.

Anyone is eligible to play in the tournament, except employees of the Golden Nugget card room. A minimum purchase of \$20.00 in chips will enter a person into the \$1.00 and \$2.00 category.

Defending champions John Moore of Georgia (\$1 and \$2), Phil Greer, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, (\$2 and \$5); Chuck Brock, Las Vegas, (\$5 & \$10); Chuck Berry, Las Vegas, (\$10 and \$20), and Mitch Shapiro, California (\$25 and \$50), are all expected to defend their titles.

There are also daily cash awards for the highest hand in each category. In addition the person who plays the most hours during the eight day tournament will win an additional \$500.00. Last year R. J. Jones of Las Vegas, played 87 continuous hours to capture the prize.

"We've changed the rules this year from continuous hours played to the most hours played," Bill Boyd, longtime manager of the Golden Nugget Card Room, explained. "It will ease the pressure quite a bit and allow more players a shot at the five cash awards for longest play."

Boyd, who has been involved with various poker rooms and casinos since 1930, pointed out that in his 40 years in the gambling business he has never seen a larger poker tournament.

"In number of players, there is not a poker tournament anywhere that compares to this one," Boyd said.

The Golden Nugget's Hold'em Tournament began in 1970 with 201 players participating. Last year a total of 423 players sat down to play over a 10-day period of time.

Spectators are invited to watch the action which will be going 24-hours a day, for eight straight days.

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

DICK MCJINNES

MOVIE TRIPPING....Three cheers for "The Three Musketeers", one of the best movies of the year. What a trippy movie!!!! I've seen it twice and thoroughly enjoyed it both times. Director Richard Lester has taken the Dumas classic novel and made it into a hilarious classic film. He's made an audience movie and the audiences respond with cheers, boos & laughter and all in the right places for a change. The cast is superb. MICHAEL YORK is super as the novice D'Artagnan and RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, OLIVER REED & FRANK FINLAY personify the dashing trio of the title. CHARLTON HESTON is extremely sinister in this, his first out and out villainous role and his female counterpart, the evil Lady De Winter, is played with relish by FAYE DUNAWAY. GERALDINE CHAPLIN & SIMON WARD are the star-crossed and double crossed lovers, Queen Anne and the Duke of Buckingham and they do a royal job. JEANE PIERRE CASSEL is an absolute camp as KING LOUIS XIII and the delicious RAQUEL WELCH is a pure delight as Constance. She is very funny in this movie. The sets and costumes are gorgeous and MICHEL LEGRAND's score is just right. The epilogue promises a sequel, due out around Christmas. Hip, Hip, Hooray.

Speaking of cheers, ANGELA LANSBURY received one of the most exciting receptions in the Shubert Theatre history when she came to town in "Gypsy". Her first entrance was greeted with cheers and applause for days and she stopped the show dead when she did a little tippy tap toe in the "Together" number. That's an expression that's used a lot but there's really nothing like a performer actually having to stop the show and do part of a number over again to satisfy the audience. It's thrilling to watch and it must be incredible to have it happen to you. The marvelous thing about Angela is that she always delivers. She is no more ETHEL MERMAN than she was ROSALIND RUSSELL, she is always distinctly Lansbury and the theatre is a lot

better because of her. She's part vamp, part camp but all actress and when she did "Rose's Turn" that audience was hers forever. They did not rise when she came out for her curtain call, they jumped right out of their seats. What an experience! And this was not opening night, my friends this was at a preview. A preview which by the way, RCA records was kind enough to invite me. They are bringing out the original cast recording of the show and they bought out a lot of the house to show it off. ZAN CHARISSE is OK as Gypsy but could be better. BONNIE LANGFORD is a great Jane Withers as Baby June and MARY LOUISE WILSON does justice to Tessie Tura. ARTHUR LAURENTS directed this version and although I really like most of the changes made in the show, he really needs to goose up the rest of the cast so they can catch up with Lansbury.

Ironically that seems to be the same problem with Laurent's play, "The Time of the Cuckoo" directed by JOE HARDY, which is playing at the Ahmanson. JEANSTAPLETON should make a perfect Leona Samish but it doesn't work somehow. TAMARA TOUMANOVA & CESARE DANOVA must have seemed like inspired casting but she's too much and he's not enough. Fortunately the supporting cast is really good. PATTY MC CORMACK, ERNEST THOMPSON, CHARLOTTE RAE, JACK MANNING & GUILLERMO SAN JUAN all do their thing and do it well. Standouts in the show are PETER HIRST & PATRIZIA PIER ANGELI. Keep your eyes on these two talented youngsters. They are on their way!

If you're on your way this week, drive safely.

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