



GUKPT flush with success

Due to the immense popularity of the first leg of the Grosvenor UK Poker Tour held in Bolton last month all future events will now be extended to four days. The inaugural event in Bolton was originally due to have 160 runners, however, due to the sheer number of people qualifying online at Blue Square Poker and direct buy-ins, this was increased to 200 runners.

At each GUKPT event every poker player's requirement is catered for from top class food to personal masseuses.

All future GUKPT events will consist of two first days, a second day and a final day. The GUKPT is an exclusive series of 11 major poker tournaments, with each leg being filmed and then broadcast on Channel 4 from September to the end of 2007. Players can buy in directly for £1,000 to each event or try their luck in qualifying through a comprehensive series of live satellites at Grosvenor Casinos and online satellites at Tour Sponsor Blue Square's internet poker site, www.bluesqpoker.com. Each event will be taking place as the main event of an existing Grosvenor Poker Festival.

Russell Tamplin GUKPT Operations Director commented:-

"We were delighted at the sheer demand for our first event and have had to re-think future tournaments so that we can cope with the expected increase in numbers. It's good news for the players as the winner of each event can now expect to walk away with over £100,000."

NOTES TO EDITORS

Tour dates & locations:

January – Bolton, 12th-14th

February – Walsall, 15th-18th

March – Cardiff, 22nd-25th

April – Manchester, 19th-22nd

May – Brighton, 17th-20th

July – Newcastle, 19th-22nd

August – Luton, 9th-12th

September – Plymouth, 6th-9th

October – London, 18th-21st

November – Blackpool, 15th-18th

November/December - GRAND FINAL, London, 29th November-2nd December

All dates in Bold were previously three day events.

About Blue Square:

Blue Square was launched on 5th May 1999 and is one of the largest online gaming company in the UK. The product suite offered by Blue Square has grown from its traditional bookmaking business to now offer all aspects of the gaming market including casino, slots and poker with a goal to increase the product range in the near future. The fixed odds betting services covers many channels including the Internet, Interactive TV, WAP and telephone.

About Grosvenor Casinos:

Grosvenor Casinos operates 33 casinos throughout the UK. It positions its gaming facilities as a mainstream leisure pursuit providing customers with an alternative night out. Grosvenor Casinos offers the latest in gaming facilities to regular, occasional and recreational gamers. It provides customers with a full leisure experience, offering bar and restaurant; sports lounge facilities and regular live entertainment.

Both Blue Square and Grosvenor are part of the Rank Group Gaming Division which also operates 113 Mecca Bingo clubs in the UK and 11 bingo clubs in Spain.

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