

Virgin Poker Festival Shows its Poker Face in Newcastle! Over £32,000 up for grabs



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The Virgin [Poker Festival](#) will be returning to Newcastle with its biggest prize pool yet - £32,500. Following the success of last year's festival in the city, the ultimate poker experience will be taking place at the Aspers Casino on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2009. Set to be bigger and better than last year, the 2009 Newcastle Virgin Poker Festival, will give poker fans the opportunity to compete in a two-day live [poker tournament](#) as well as a variety of activities taking place alongside the main event for players of all abilities.

The main event at the festival will be a €150 [Texas Hold'em](#) No Limit Freezeout tournament for up to 200 players, with 10,000 starting stacks, 40 minute levels and £5,000 added to the prize pool. Players wanting to secure a place at the main event will need to qualify via online satellites at www.virginpoker.com .

Fun is definitely the name of the game at the [Virgin Poker Festival](#), with a variety of side events taking place alongside the main tournament to give everyone an opportunity to get involved – regardless of their poker playing abilities. Practice tables will offer 'live play classes' for less experienced players, whilst Wii bowling will be taking place over the weekend in search of a player worthy of the Wii bowling crown. Virgin Poker is also offering local Newcastle residents a shot at winning a seat at the Virgin Poker Festival through a series of pre-tournament sessions which will be held at the Aspers Casino w/c 2nd March 2009.

Joe Legge, Poker Manager for Virgin Poker, said: 'Virgin Poker is delighted to be coming back to Newcastle following the success of last year's festival. This year we've upped the stakes with the biggest prize pool yet and we are looking forward to creating another event that gives poker enthusiasts a fantastic playing experience!' To add a further twist to the Virgin Poker Festival, players will be able to knock-out key poker professional opponents whose heads carry bounties of fantastic Virgin giveaways. Poker pros Maria Demetriou, Shelley Rubenstein, Kara Scott and Nick Wealthall will all be in attendance to ensure players have an all round jam-packed winning weekend.

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For more information on the Virgin Poker Festival, and how to qualify, please visit www.virginpoker.com.

Aspers Casino – pre-festival tournaments

Monday 2nd March from 8pm - £20 Freezeout
1 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Monday 9th March from 8pm - £20 Freezeout
1 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Monday 16th March from 8pm - £20 Freezeout
1 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Monday 23rd March from 8pm - £20 Freezeout
1 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Monday 30th March from 8pm - £20 Freezeout
1 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Saturday 28th March - £100 Freezeout
2 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

Date TBC – Cash games for cash players
3 x Virgin Poker Festival seat for tournament winner

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[Virgin Games](http://www.virgin.com/games), a subsidiary of Virgin.com Ltd, launched in June 2004 and has quickly established itself as one of the leading gaming websites in the UK. Virgin Games comprises three distinct

entertainment offerings, giving consumers the chance to play their favourite online games the Virgin way:

- Virgin [Casino](#), part of the Wagerworks network, provides a taste of Vegas online, with classic casino offerings like blackjack and roulette, as well as popular feature slots like Elvis, Cleopatra and Vegas, Baby!
- Virgin [Poker](#), part of the Boss Media network, offers a huge array of games and content for beginners through to experienced pros – as well as the most generous loyalty scheme in the industry. The successful Virgin Poker Festivals, which take place in casinos around the UK throughout the year, now allow gamers to experience the fun of Virgin Poker offline too.
- Virgin [Bingo](#), part of the St Minver network, offers cash prizes worth thousands of pounds in the progressive jackpots, as well as regular promotions and an unrivalled loyalty scheme

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